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Rabin: Syrians are in Lebanon to help the Christians

Jerusalem Post Reporter
ZEMAH, Jordan Valley. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday Israel would not intervene in Lebanon as long as Syrian policy was to prevent the annihilation of the Christian community there.

Rabin said during a tour of the Jordan Valley he believed the Syrian military intervention in Lebanon was to prevent the Palestinian terrorists and allied forces from taking over the country.

In an apparent reference to foreign reports that Israel was supplying arms to the Christians, Rabin said the only Israeli activity concerning the civil war was to provide medical aid and food supplies.

Asked if the Lebanese situation could result in a war between Israel and Syria, Rabin replied that experience had shown that it was unwise to predict it and when fighting might break out in the Middle East. But he said there was no logical reason for a war with Syria since the Syrian forces in Lebanon were fighting the Fa-

terline Liberation Organization (FLO) and the Moslem leftist extremists. "And as long as the Syrians and the other forces in the Lebanon do not endanger Israel's security, I see no reason for a change in Israel's policy," Rabin told an audience of 800 kibbutz volunteers from abroad, who met the Prime Minister at a question-and-answer session at the Jordan Valley College in Zemar.

Asked what relations he would like to see with the U.S., Rabin smiled and replied that while he was Ambassador in Washington he had been "unjustly" accused of having become involved in the previous presidential election. "I shall have no comment whatsoever on the coming elections," he promised.

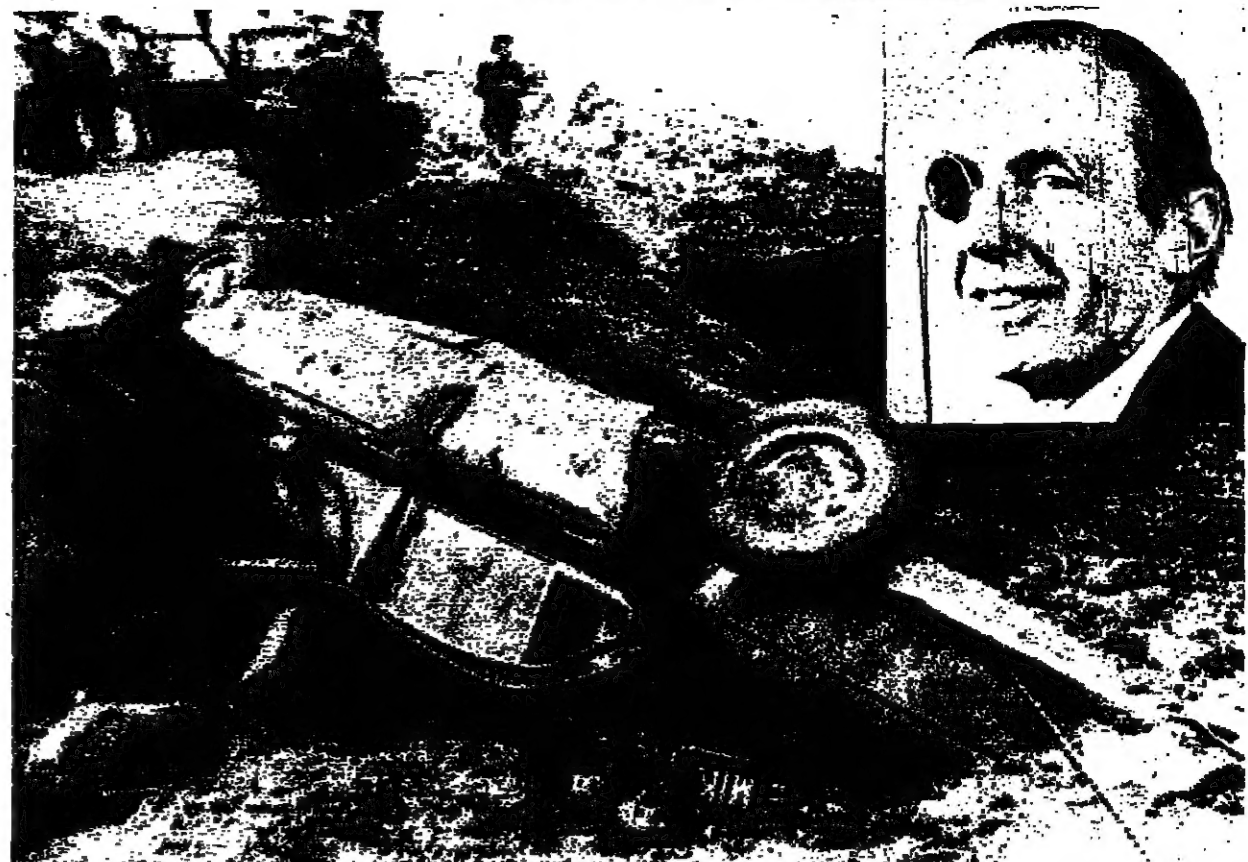
But he could say that the relations were based on a wide foundation of understanding and common interests. He noted that President Nixon, who had "done more for Israel than any other president," had also been the first American President in 29 years to be welcomed in Cairo and Damascus, because he

had shown his determination to stand by Israel on the one hand, and readiness to help achieve a political settlement on the other.

(Speaking at a question-and-answer session in the Tiberias Rabin said last night that leftist and Moslem elements now in power in southern Lebanon tried to contact Israel through the UN in an effort to renew the mixed armistice commission.)

Earlier Rabin met members of the Jordan Valley District Council and heard their problems, mainly of lack of land and shortage of water. He stressed the need for greater efforts in the social, economic and educational fields.

Noting that he had been strongly attacked for his recent criticism of teachers, he noted that he had not wished to denigrate the individuals, but the system, such as in education, which needed revision and improvement. He again, and after Entebbe even more so, wished to hold up the Army and the settlements as examples of human systems "whose members put their ideals above their demands for working conditions."



The wreckage of the car in which Britain's Ambassador to Dublin, Christopher Ewart-Biggs (inset), and a secretary were killed when the car hit a landmine. (UPI, AP)

IRA sought in killing of Britain's envoy to Ireland

DUBLIN. — Irish terrorists yesterday assassinated Britain's new ambassador, Christopher Ewart-Biggs, by setting off a huge land mine under his car at the outskirts of Dublin.

The blast also gravely injured the top civil servant in Britain's Northern Ireland administration and killed the latter's woman personal assistant. The ambassador's chauffeur was also injured.

Suspicion immediately focussed on the Irish Republican Army (IRA), but police refused to say who they thought was responsible. Two men with rifles were seen running across fields shortly after the blast.

The tall, monocled Ewart-Biggs, 54, took up his Dublin post only two weeks ago. He was only 150 metres short of his official residence at Sandford, on the southern outskirts of Dublin when, just before 10 a.m. local time, the landmine went off. It was estimated at 100 kilos, apparently detonated by remote control.

The blue Jaguar was hurled high in the air and crashed on its roof into a deep crater left by the bomb.

Killed with Ewart-Biggs was Judith Cook, secretary to Brian Cubbon, the permanent under-secretary of the Northern Ireland Office. Cubbon himself was gravely injured.

Police threw a cordon around the city and helicopters were called in to help in the hunt for the bombers. The Irish government expressed its condolences to London.

There was immediate speculation that the underground Provisional IRA, which has previously threatened the lives of senior British officials as part of its campaign to force Britain to withdraw from Northern Ireland.

Ewart-Biggs, who sported a black monocle to cover his right eye lost in the battle of El-Alamein, arrived in Dublin to take up his post on July 8. His wife and 13-year-old son were not in Ireland yesterday. He has served in previous diplomatic posts in the Middle East, Africa and in Brussels. Under the pen name Charles Elliott, he had written novels, one of which — "Trial by Fire," written in 1956 — had been banned in Ireland because of some love scenes. (Agencies)

Rabinowitz raps Histadrut

An unprecedented sharp attack was leveled yesterday by Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz at the Histadrut's Trades Union Department, in a statement issued in reaction to the latter's criticism of the efficiency of the Value-Added Tax.

Such negative criticism, said Rabinowitz, certainly contributes nothing to making the tax efficient, but does divert the Histadrut from dealing with vital topics in its domain.

German terrorist escapee caught

BERLIN. — West Berlin police yesterday arrested one of the four women urban guerrillas who escaped from prison here two weeks ago, a police spokesman said. Monika Berberich, 33-year-old legal clerk, was picked up as she was taking a walk on the Kurfurstendamm, West Berlin's main street, the spokesman added.

The anarchist, considered a member of the Baader-Meinhof terrorist band, killed a pilot but was overpowered before she could shoot, according to the spokesman. (UPI)

Severely weakened PLO holds up U.S. evacuation in Beirut

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The PLO, through indirect channels, is reported to have informed the U.S. that it cannot guarantee the safety of another U.S.-sponsored evacuation from Lebanon unless the U.S. first uses its influence to pressure the Syrians into permitting the reopening of Beirut airport, informed sources here disclosed yesterday.

The sources said that the PLO, severely weakened by the fighting during recent weeks against the Syrian-Christian forces, is anxious to see the airport reopened in the hope that it could receive new arms supplies, which are badly needed.

The U.S. had scheduled a land convoy from Beirut to Damascus for last Tuesday, but the evacuation was cancelled at the last moment. American officials said that they could not guarantee the safety of the 400 American and other foreign nationals who had registered to leave.

Aware of America's extreme vulnerability on this issue, especially during an election year, the PLO has apparently decided to take advantage and to possibly win a concession from the other side, even on this basically humanitarian matter.

The PLO is still in control of west Beirut, an area that the convoy would have to go through before reaching the main highway to

Damascus, controlled largely by the Syrians and the Christians. The U.S. had originally believed that the PLO would cooperate in the evacuation, but the terrorist organization made their new demand at the last moment. That is said to have forced the Americans to postpone the evacuation, sources here said.

Yesterday, the State Department said that it was still planning a land route for the evacuation, but would not rule out other possibilities — a reference to another naval evacuation similar to the one used last month — if necessary. The department spokesman gave as the reason for the continued delay the insecurity of the route.

American officials maintain that they have no "direct" contact with the PLO, but do communicate with the terrorist organization indirectly through third parties, such as Egypt. They insist that there was no quid pro quo given to the PLO last month in exchange for its agreeing not to shoot at the fleeing Americans.

Meanwhile, sources here also said yesterday that Libyan President Gaddafi has advised PLO leader Yasser Arafat to accept a ceasefire with the Syrians and the Christians, apparently convinced that the PLO does not have much of a chance militarily against the other side.

The ceasefire that was supposed to have taken hold yesterday, but broke down "even before it began,"

was not an unexpected development, sources here said. While Arafat and some other leaders in the PLO are said to be ready to accept the temporary truce, various splinter groups in the organization as well as many Christian forces are not. Thus, sources here said, the agreement collapsed and fighting continued unabated.

Syndicated columnist Rowland Evans and Robert Novak reported yesterday in the "Washington Post" that Arafat's position in the PLO has weakened and that Abu Iyad, the number two man in Fatah, is now a possible successor to Arafat if the PLO's military defeats continue to take place. The columnist's said that Abu Iyad, the reputed head of Black September, has gained in stature during the past 14 months because he has stayed in Beirut during this entire period, risking his life, while Arafat has spent much time abroad.

Regarding reports here that Israel was supplying the Christian forces in Lebanon with arms, the State Department yesterday would say only that it has reports indicating that arms are reaching Lebanon from many sources, but that there was no point in commenting specifically on all of them.

Asked how American spokesmen were reaching Lebanon, the spokesman said that the U.S. has not supplied arms to any of the fighting factions but that American weapons may have reached Lebanon from "world markets not channelled through governments."

PLO trying to heal rift with Damascus as another Beirut cease-fire fails

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent and agencies

A delegation representing the Palestine Liberation Organization last night left Beirut for Damascus in an attempt to explore chances of healing their rift with Syria. The two sides are locked in armed confrontation in Lebanon.

The PLO's most radical grouping, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) opposed the delegation's trip, saying that the exercise could be used by Syria to split the PLO from their Lebanese leftist allies in the struggle against Lebanon's Christian rightist forces. The PFLP demanded that the PLO leadership should resist any negotiations with the Damascus "regime of Hafez Assad" until Syria withdrew all its troops from Lebanon.

In a hard-hitting speech, on Tuesday night Assad warned that the "Palestinians have no right to make such a demand in the first place. Lebanon is not their country." He made plain that Syria was bent on using force to end the Lebanese civil war. Outgoing Lebanese Christian President Suleiman Franjeh yesterday cabled Assad to thank him for his "Arab voice which has at long last come out bravely" to indict the Palestinian intrigues.

Meanwhile, a Saudi Arabian detachment belonging to the Arab League's peace-keeping force came under fire into a key road in the "green line" separating Christian eastern Beirut from the western sector of the city which is controlled by the PLO-leftist camp. The Saudi Arabian move came as Christians and PLO-leftist forces traded heavy artillery fire shattering a seven-hour truce scheduled to

allow the Red Cross to evacuate some 100 wounded from the strategic PLO camp of Tel el-Zaatar, east of Beirut.

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End sought to Arab squatting

By YITZHAQ OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Agriculture Ministry has decided to step up enforcement of the law against squatting to counter the increase in illegal Arab settlement on state land, it was learned yesterday.

But Nature Reserves Authority head Avraham Yoffe, at whose initiative a ministry meeting was held last weekend on the problem, yesterday offered little hope of results unless money can be found for more inspectors.

In the Knesset yesterday, Yehuda Ben-Meir of the National Religious Party charged that Arab squatters were systematically taking over more public land both within Israel and in the areas, and that the authorities seemed powerless to stop them.

There have been unconfirmed reports recently that the increased Arab squatting is part of a plan being subsidised by hostile elements outside Israel. This included Galilee, where there has been a large increase in Arab squatting since the March 30 Arab riots against compulsory land-purchase for Jewish settlement.

In the wake of these reports, Aluf (res.) Yoffe got the Agriculture Ministry and its subsidiary the State Lands Authority to meet on ways to enforce the law. One proposal raised was to have Nature Reserves inspectors look out for squatting.

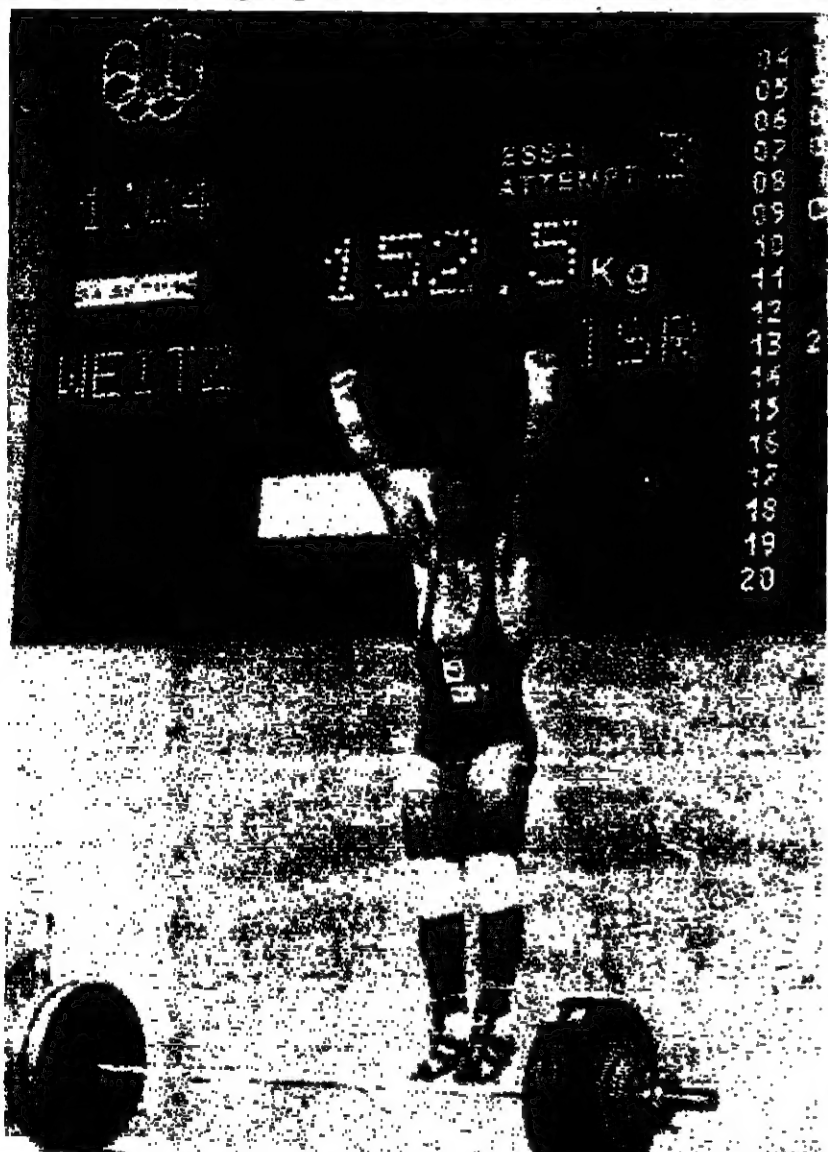
Asked about this yesterday, Yoffe said his men were chosen because they are out in the field all the time and are the land best. He added that it would require adding a dozen mobile inspectors to the present 35. And, as "two inspectors with a jeep would cost at least IL250,000," he doubted the funds would be found.

Nadia wins

MONTREAL. — Nadia Comaneci, the 14-year-old Romanian prodigy, scored yet two more perfect performances yesterday and captured the women's all-around gymnastics gold medal in the 21st summer Olympics.

Comaneci recorded perfect scores in two of her first three events, and compiled an unofficial total of 69.875 points with only the floor exercise remaining.

It appeared that it would take a disastrous error in the floor exercises for Comaneci to miss the gold medal she has worked half her young life to achieve. (AP)



Israel's Edward Weitz leaps for joy after lifting 152.5 kilos which helped him achieve fifth place in the Olympic featherweight weightlifting competition. (UPI telephoto)

Lifter achieves Israel's best-ever Olympic effort

By HARRY JAKUBOVICH
Special to The Jerusalem Post

MONTREAL. — The competitive highlight for the Israeli delegation came on Tuesday in the weightlifting arena at St. Michel, Edward Weitz, the 60 kg. weightlifter who emigrated a year ago from Russia, took fifth place in his competition in a spectacular series of lifts of 110 kilos in the snatch and 152.5 in the clean and jerk. This was Israel's best-ever placing in the Olympic Games.

Weitz actually lifted the same weight in the clean and jerk as the fourth place finisher, Saitu Takashi of Japan, but was proclaimed fifth because he outgripped Takashi by a mere 100 gms.

Iana Romano, widow of Joseph, who was murdered in Munich attended the session. She presented Weitz with a commemorative medal and a kiss — which left a souvenir on the weightlifter's cheek on her cheek.

"People have asked why I am here," she said, "but I wouldn't have missed this for the world. I had goosebumps all over throughout. At some moments I actually felt it was my Joseph up there on the podium. (Joseph Romano competed in the same event in Munich.)"

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Soccer team battles to draw

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's Olympic football team last night in Montreal fought back to hold the Mexicans to a 2-2 tie, after trailing by 0-2 at the interval.

Israel's two goals came in rapid succession, within 30 minutes of resumption of play, by Oz and a spot-kick from 11 metres taken by Shum.

The efforts, however, may cost

the Israeli team dear. From the middle of the second half play deteriorated into excessive body contact by both sides with the result that two Israeli players and one Mexican were given their marching orders by the Italian referee.

The Israeli players were Lev and Shum.

Under Olympic rules they may not be able to play at least in Israel's next encounter against France, considered the toughest team in the group.

'Life' gas found on Mars

PASADENA, California. — The Viking 1 robot probe of Mars has detected nitrogen and argon gases in the atmosphere of the red planet in sufficient abundance to make scientists more optimistic that life could flourish there, the project's directors said yesterday.

While not providing any evidence of life, past or future, the discovery by the probe as it descended toward Tuesday's historic landing suggests that Mars had a denser, more life-nurturing environment in the past.

The first colour picture sent down to earth yesterday showed that the red planet is really red. The picture transmitted by the Viking lander showed the rock-littered surface to be a pretty, brownish-red like many deserts in the middle of the U.S. and Australia.

Thomas Mutch, head of the Viking surface photography team, said as the picture flashed on television sets at the jet propulsion laboratory here. "It's a very exciting thing to see this definite reddish coloration of the surface. It is a pleasant scene, definitely not the colours of the moon."

Along with Viking's findings from orbit that water once flowed in rivers on the planet, the discovery of nitrogen means that all the essential factors for life could have been present at some time, project scientist Gerald Soffen told a news

Viking photos: 'The red planet is really red'

briefing. "The 'steppes' was there to do the kind of organic chemistry required for biogenesis (synthesis of living organisms)," said Dr. Soffen. "Whether it took place or not we don't know."

The presence of argon, an inert gas also found in the earth's atmosphere, is given off by the radioactive decay of elements in the planet's crust. The fact that Mars has a relatively large abundance of argon, said Michael McClellay of Harvard University, indicates the atmosphere at one time was much denser.

"If you look at what we need for life," said Dr. McClellay, referring to Mars, "we need energy that we have. We need water that we have. We need nitrogen that we have. Carbon, phosphates..."

"I see no reason to exclude, from everything we know, the possibility of the evolution of life." The important question, he said, is whether water existed in a liquid form on the planet long enough for the random combinations of pre-life ingredients to come together and begin to evolve into self-repro-

ducing forms. The measurements were made by instruments aboard the Viking lander as it soared through the atmosphere en route to its touchdown, the first successful soft landing on Mars. The amounts reported by scientists were about 1.5 per cent argon and about 2 per cent nitrogen. The atmosphere on earth comprises 78 per cent nitrogen.

After arriving on the planet, the lander began streaming spectacular pictures 800m. km. to earth of a rock-strewn landscape that looks much like a desert, with craters and dunes in the distance.

Carl Sagan, a Cornell University astronomer, told a press conference of the first pictures. "There are no features which have to be due to life, no obvious bushes or trees or anybody out. But it does not exclude many other possibilities including microbes in the sand. It does not exclude the possibility of even larger organisms elsewhere on the planet."

Scientists had guessed the Martian atmosphere containing a small amount of nitrogen from long distance readings made from earth and from orbiting spacecraft but have never been able to prove its existence.

The first results from Viking's three biology instruments are expected in three weeks. (AP, Reuters, UPI)



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'Mosad warned Meir of October war'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel intelligence (Mosad) informed Prime Minister Golda Meir and Defence Minister Moshe Dayan on October 4, 1973, two days before the start of the Yom Kippur War, that Egypt and Syria were about to launch an attack. But the Israeli leadership dismissed this information largely because of an intelligence failure involving the assassination of an Arab waiter in Lillehammer, Norway, earlier that year.

This is the conclusion of a length article on the Mosad published this month in "Playboy" magazine. The article, part of a forthcoming book, entitled "Hit Team," was written by David E. Timin, formerly European correspondent for "Time" magazine.

According to Timin, in the early evening of October 4, 1973, a Mosad secret agent arrived in Tel Aviv. The agent had penetrated an Arab embassy in Western Europe and taken photos of the entire Arab plan, code-named "Operation Badr."

But, Timin said, because the Mosad had ordered the assassination of a suspected Black September terrorist in Lillehammer (Timin maintains that the Arab was not a terrorist, merely a waiter named Ahmed Bouchdi) this intelligence information was not considered reliable. As a result, the Israeli Army was not mobilized.

Timin said that Aluf Zvi Zamir, then the head of the Mosad, requested a meeting with Mrs. Meir on October 4. "Meir, unconvinced that the information was genuine, sent Zamir and the agent to Moshe Dayan," Timin said. "Dayan, who was then in a strangely melancholic mood, suspected that the Arabs were feeding false information to gullible Mosad agents."

'Kolbotek' suspended, producer transferred

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Concern for public confidence in Israel Television was behind the swift decision to suspend temporarily — the popular Thursday evening "Kolbotek" programme, Yitzhak Livni, director-general of the Broadcasting Authority, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

On Tuesday night Livni and TV chief Arnon Zuckerman said the consumer interest show would not go on the air tonight and will stay off "for a few weeks" following discovery of irregularities in connection with the July 1 programme.

A section of that programme was devoted to a comparison of two types of carpeting. One manufacturer's product was "shown" to have loose pile.

About two weeks later, Israel Television executives learned that the samples of the "inferior" carpeting had not been obtained by random shopping. Rather, the manufacturer of the competing brand had reportedly provided "Kolbotek" researchers with money to purchase the competitor's carpeting.

When "Kolbotek" producer Hanina Amotz was informed of this, he investigated the matter and found it to be true.

Livni and Zuckerman promptly decided to suspend the programme while a new producer is found for "Kolbotek" and its approach to consumerism re-appraised. Hanina Amotz was "transferred to other duties."

"We had to act in a forthright manner," Livni told *The Post*. "Israelis are becoming more consumer-conscious every day. A good part of this new awareness is due to 'Kolbotek.' We want to continue to serve the public. To maintain their confidence in 'Kolbotek,' meant we had to act in a swift and no-nonsense way after discovering the blunder in the July 1 show."

Mr. Livni insisted that Mr. Amotz and his staff were guilty of "bad judgement" and had not done anything illegal.

When the show resumes, he said, "fresh approaches" in its programming could be expected. Meanwhile, the prime Thursday night time slot will be used for Olympics films and other material of wide public interest.

IN THE KNESSET

Pay hikes for MKs, Ministers

U.S. asked to do more to counter boycott

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Israel wants the U.S. to do more to combat the Arab boycott.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told the Knesset at question-time yesterday that Israel was demanding, for its contacts with the U.S. Government, that more effective measures be taken against the Arab campaign.

He told Shoshana Arbell (Alignment-Labour) that Israel, as well as wide sectors of the American public, believe Washington had not done enough, so far, to stem the boycott. In both houses of Congress, he noted, number of measures had been tabled to propose more effective action. Non-governmental organizations in the U.S. had been campaigning vigorously on this issue, he said.

Allon listed the instructions issued to date by the U.S. Department of Trade and Justice, and the central bank, to counter the boycott. These "limited to a certain extent" the freedom of operating the boycott machinery in the U.S., he said.

The Minister told questions Shalom Levin (Alignment-Labour) that in the wake of reports that Israeli diplomats in New York had amassed a record number of parking offences, the diplomats had now been advised that they would be personally responsible in the future for the tickets, and that they would also be liable for disciplinary measures.

The Minister told Akiva Noy (Likud-Free Centre), in reply to a supplementary question, that there were fewer leaks of diplomatic information nowadays than in previous years, following introduction of special measures to prevent the leaks.

He told Noy's colleague Sami Tamir that the Israel Ambassador in Washington had officially protested against U.S. plans to sell Hercules transport planes to Syria.

Social and Personal

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu yesterday met with outgoing U.S. Consul and the Embassy's First Secretary John Hirsch, who is about to join his country's UN delegation after a four-year tour of duty here. His replacement, Second Secretary Bernard Rotkine, has already arrived.

Labour Minister Moshe Baran yesterday opened the 25th anniversary celebrations of Beit Shמש, which honoured him by enrolling him in the JNF Golden Book.

Ora Namir, MK and Chairman of the Prime Minister's Commission on the Status of Women, gave a farewell party for the departing Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Juliana Nestor, last Friday. Among the guests were the Philippine Ambassador, women Knesset members, the wives of the Prime Minister and of the Justice Minister, women scientists and artists.

Yosef Tamir, chairman of the Knesset Ecology Committee, has been elected member of the International Council of Environmental Law, whose centre is in Bonn.

Kiryat Gat mayor resigns to avoid ouster by Likud

By HAIM SHAHAM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT GAT. Mayor Arye Meir of Kiryat Gat resigned from office yesterday, hours before a meeting of the City Council was scheduled to convene to oust him.

The council meeting was ordered by the Interior Minister, after the High Court of Justice ruled he must do so. The mayor had refused to convene the council for months, after he learned the Likud and religious factions had agreed to form a new coalition and oust him.

The mayor's resignation came after Alignment members failed in efforts to persuade members of the religious faction to join them in coalition, to prevent his ouster. The council has six Alignment members, five Likud members and two belonging to the NRP and affiliated factions.

Slum re-housing director: 'Triplets' parents demand too much

By MARSHA POMERANTZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The director of the Pratzot company for rehousing slum dwellers said yesterday the couple from Jerusalem's Asbestonim quarter who sought a flat to live in with their three-month old triplets were "incited by their social worker" and demanded too much.

Michael Kenet was responding to complaints by Rina and Zvulun Muallem that Pratzot, a state-municipal company, had failed to act quickly enough to help them buy a flat as promised.

Kenet said Pratzot had to send an assessor and inspector to each flat the couple found, after its price and size were judged suitable by the company. (Pratzot buys the flat and rents to the family.) It was not Pratzot's fault, he said, if the process took over five days and the owner meanwhile sold the flat to someone else.

After four unsuccessful attempts to find apartments, each of which took several weeks for processing, the couple remains in a cramped asbestos prefab, with Zvulun's mother, who is mentally ill, and his five brothers and sisters. The adults sleep four in a room. The triplet girls, in two cribs, sleep in a third room with a child-nurse whose services were arranged by the Demographic Centre of the Prime Minister's Office and the municipal welfare office in Kiryat Hayovel. There is no running hot water in the house, and Rina washes the diapers by hand with water boiled on the double gas burner.

The "social worker" Kenet referred to is a third-year student at the Hebrew University's school of social work, Ruth Regulund. She objected to Kenet's incitement claim, but said she understood that Pratzot was pressured by the lack of available flats and had come to "expect" threats from the people they were helping. If she was a "mudnik," she said, it was because she insisted on caring for the interest of her clients.

She noted that Zvulun had a criminal record as a youth and feared living in a neighbourhood where pressures to fall back into the world of crime were overbearing. That, and concern for the minimal physical condition of the flat, were his reason for rejecting one flat that was offered in Katamonim.

Lacking a reasonable home, the triplets remained at Sha'are Zedek hospital long after they were well enough leave. After two months, Regulund convinced the Muallems the contact with the mother was very important during the first few months of life, and said Pratzot had promised speedy action on a flat. One month ago the couple took the girls to the asbestos home. Nothing has changed since.

Prazot announced in December 1973 that all residents of the Asbestonim were entitled to "housing solutions." Kenet said 50 families had been moved. Zvulun said he realizes there are many "like him" in the neighbourhood — and nearly all go through the same bureaucratic tangle. According to Regulund, something must be wrong with a system which is designed to help people and just causes them more pain.

The Municipality spokesman, Rafi Devora, last night promised to investigate the case at Pratzot, which is a joint state-municipal housing company.

Sarid calls Raphael liar

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Alignment MK Yosef Sarid called Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael a liar yesterday. Raphael replied, through his spokesman, that Sarid did not know what he was talking about.

The original cause of the exchange was a full-page advertisement last January in "Ma'ariv," containing Raphael's photo and an address on the work of his Ministry, in the context of a four-page supplement centring on Ministry projects.

In March, Raphael told questioner Esther Herlitz (Alignment) that the advertisement would be paid for by the Government Publications Bureau, to the tune of IL5,120. But on Tuesday of this week, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz told questioner Sarid that the Bureau did not handle the advertisement and the Treasury would not foot the bill.

Accordingly Sarid wrote Premier Yitzhak Rabin yesterday saying he checked the matter with the Publications Bureau, which confirmed it had neither handled the ad nor paid it.

A spokesman for Raphael, Geor Rosenberg, had a different version. He said the Ministry had the Treasury's written approval for the ad, and that there had been misunderstandings between the Ministry and the Publications Bureau about procedures for ordering and paying for the ad. Raphael's reply in the Knesset in March had "reflected the Ministry's position with regard to ordering the ad," Rosenberg said.

According to another source, the reason why the Bureau knew nothing about paying for the ad was because Treasury authorization was finally given only one week ago. Rabinowitz had not yet been told, it was said.

A symposium on "The Chance for Religious Pluralism in Israel" will be held today at the Van Leer Foundation in Jerusalem. It is part of a study programme for leaders of the Reconstructionist movement from the U.S., led by Rabbi Ludwig Needleman. They are also here to honour Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan, founder of their movement, on his 95th birthday.

A new English-speaking Lions Club was organized recently in Tel Aviv, and will be meeting on the first and third Monday every month at the Ramada Continental Hotel. Its officers are: Arthur Stark, president; Leo Kagan, vice-president; Ben Wolfson, secretary; Aaron Milwidsky, treasurer; and Louis Chesed, Fred Giblan and Max Miodownik, directors.

Asher Ben-Natan, adviser to the Defence Minister, will lecture in English on his tour of duty as Ambassador to France at the weekly meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club today, 1.15 p.m., at ZOIA House.

'Second diplomat saw Mrs. Bloch after raid'

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — An all-party committee of members of Parliament was set up last night to assist the family of Dora Bloch, the missing Anglo-Israeli hostage who is presumed dead. This was decided after a meeting in the House of Commons with Mrs. Bloch's eldest son, Binjamin, a 42-year-old consultant engineer from Herzliya, who arrived here yesterday from Israel with his wife to meet MPs and British officials.

At a press conference Bloch said he and his wife had come to Britain in the hope they would be able to create public pressure to find his mother, but they had little hope that she was alive.

He hopes to meet soon with Peter Chandy, the second secretary at the British High Commission at Kampala, who was one of the last people to see Dora Bloch alive. Since then Chandy and his wife have been expelled by Amin for "spreading untruths."

Bloch also reported that another diplomat, still unidentified, had also seen his mother alive after the Israeli rescue operation.

Israel winners face U.K. in tennis cup

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Following her victory over Poland on Tuesday in the Galea Cup tennis competition, Israel today faces the strong British team in her second semi-final match at Murcia, Spain. A total of 35 countries from five continents are taking part in this 26th annual international team event for boys under 21.

Shlomo Glickstein and Ilan Sherr were both in sparkling form on Tuesday. They took Israel to a winning 3-0 lead against Poland (reported briefly in yesterday's *Jerusalem Post*) in the opening rubber of the tournament, one of the competition's four semi-final groupings. Sherr conceded only one game to Danilovitch, while Glickstein defeated Rode 6-4, 6-1.

The two Israelis then teamed up to beat the Polish pair 6-1, 9-7, 6-3 in a best-of-five doubles. The third member of Israel's squad is Shai Puni.

The outcome of yesterday's two remaining singles was still awaited here last night, but the results of these "dead" matches are now only of academic interest.

Should Israel, against all the odds, defeat Britain, her final opponent at Murcia will probably be Spain, six-time winner of the Galea trophy.

Meanwhile, *The Post* learned yesterday that Israel's new champion, Yair Wertheimer, 21, last week distinguished himself by becoming the first Israeli player ever to participate in the Commercial Union Grand Prix Tennis, the game's major annual competition for men which links together all the world's leading tournaments. The lanky Tel Avivian played in the Dutch championships at Hilversum, one of nearly 50 meets in this year's \$5m. seventh annual Grand Prix.

Wertheimer pulled off two of the best wins of his career in the high-calibre qualifying tournament of the Hilversum event, beating Indian Jaidip Mukerjee 6-2, 5-7, 6-2 and Canada's seventh-ranking Don McCormick 6-3, 6-4.

He then went into the main draw as a "lucky loser" in spite of a 6-0, 6-3, defeat by the Chilean star Jaime Pinto Bravo, in a performance adversely affected by a bad attack of nerves.

But Wertheimer showed up well again in the first-round of the tournament proper, only going down 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, to South African champion Ray Moore, who helped his country to win the Davis Cup in 1974.

Bus coop merger 'to cost taxpayers IL1,000m.'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The merger between the Egged and Dan bus coops will cost some IL1,000m. — most of it out of the taxpayers' pocket, Likud MK Gideon Patt said on Tuesday.

In a letter to Yigal Allon, chairman of the Economic Committee, Patt said the two co-operations want to merge solely in order to exert more powerful pressure on the Government and make it easier for them to get the Treasury to cover their back deficits totalling IL800m.

Patt, who asked Horowitz to convene his Committee urgently over the merger reports, charged that Egged had done absolutely nothing about selling properties.

Nevertheless, it had received IL200m. in aid from the Treasury on account of such sales, as the Knesset Finance Committee had demanded.

Moshe Arens (Likud) in a motion for the agenda said that Dan should be restricted by franchise to urban services and Egged to interurban services. If they merged, he said, they should be stripped of their franchise.

In reply to Arens, Transport Minister Dan Yacobi said that the request for merger, if and when it is submitted to the Government, will be judged according to the criteria of public interest and the need to improve standards of service.

The Knesset State Control Committee announced that the State Comptroller will shortly begin inspection of the Egged bus co-operation.

In connection with another bus venture, Tourism Minister Kol yesterday voiced his objection to the planned sale of the United Tours company to Dan Tours, on the grounds that this would lead to monopolization in tourist transport in the country.

Of the eight tour transport companies operating in Israel, six have 170 vehicles between them, and of these United Tours owns 80. Dan Tours presently possesses 50 cars. Should it acquire United Tours, it would have a virtual monopoly, together with Egged Tours' 250 vehicles of the nation's services in this sphere.

ARRIVALS

Prof. Leon Feldman, of Rutgers University, New Jersey, member of the Jerusalem Committee, for committee meetings.

Mrs. Moses Dyckman, honorary national president of American Mizrahi Women, from the U.S.

Siboni cleared of threat charges

Ell Siboni of Mevaseret Yerushalayim, who served a three-month sentence for terrorizing a U.S. immigrant family which left the country consequently, was acquitted by the Magistrate's Court in Jerusalem yesterday of charges of threats to commit violence in another case.

Ell Siboni was charged with making threats against the district manager of the Israel Lands Administration last October. He was alleged to have threatened to burn the manager, Ya'acov Neria, together with his house, to poke his eyes out and to throw him out the window.

Coalition will discuss Health Law on Monday

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The delays in the passage of the controversial National Health Insurance Law, whose future is gravely threatened by refusals of support from the Independent Liberal Party (ILP) and the National Religious Party (NRP) will only be discussed next Monday afternoon in the Coalition. Chief Whip Moshe Wertman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Wertman said Premier Yitzhak Rabin had summoned the Coalition executive, as well as the four Cabinet Ministers involved (Justice, Labour, Health and Finance), to try and work out a way of getting the law at least approved in the Public Services Committee before the summer recess starts in one week.

Early redemption of war loan for troubled firms

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Holders of war loans who are in financial straits will be able to apply to the Finance Ministry for early redemption, under a new law tabled in the Knesset yesterday, which will have its first reading next week.

The law is tailored to fit the parlous financial conditions of Maritime Fruit Carriers, whose ships are being attached in several ports around the world, for debt.

The Finance Minister would have to be convinced that the Treasury ought to help the applicant, the explanation to the bill said. The Finance Committee would have to approve the step as well.

The entire sum redeemed need not be linked, and the full amount redeemed will be limited.

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The unveiling of the tombstone of the late
PAUL and HELENE KNÜPFER
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The conservation of the tombstone of the late
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Mother of Pearl Green of Gansel Yehuda and Haskel Shagom of Cape Town
will take place on Sunday, July 25 at 5 p.m.,
at the Segula Cemetery, Petah Tikva.

KNESSET BRIEFS

PARENTS REFUSING to do guard duty at kindergartens are not protected, the Knesset Education Committee heard yesterday from representatives of the kindergarten teachers. It was discussing the extension for one year of the Emergency Regulations obliging parents to keep guard outside educational institutions.

OFFICIALS involved in spheres investigated by the State Comptroller would be publicly named, and disciplinary measures against them proposed, the Knesset State Control Committee decided unanimously yesterday, in a series of recommendations on ways of making state control and its parliamentary follow-up more effective.

POULTRY MEAT subsidies should be cut from IL250m. annually to IL100m., Poultry Board officials told the Economic Committee yesterday. Representatives of 3,000 poultry meat dealers warned the Committee that they were being forced out of business by the Government's policy of subsidizing cheap frozen birds.

Giovanni and Françoise Mastropaulo are happy to announce the arrival of a son, Aurelio d'Alba
Institut Maientique, Saint-Beuve 4,
1005 Lausanne, Switzerland.

Maronites to aid Lebanese refugees

By YOEL DAB
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Maronite community has set up two public aid committees for the victims of the 15 month-old civil war in Lebanon. One committee of two women will look after Lebanese patients hospitalized here. Another group of three men are to raise funds for aid to the war victims.

A number of residents have asked the authorities for permission to meet relatives in Lebanon at points along the border fence. Until now, such permission was given only to a few people.

Refugees report hair-raising stories of atrocities and decline of moral standards. Typical is the story of a Lebanese merchant, who was obliged last week to sell his luxury car for a price equal to IL2,000 to buy food. When he returned home two men, their faces veiled, demanded his money at gun point.

After all his pleas failed, he went into the next room, put the money into a bundle and included a loaded revolver. Stretching out his hand to give them the bundle, he pressed the trigger and killed both men.

When he took the stockings off their faces he saw that the robbers were his own brother and his brother-in-law. Both men died later from their wounds.

Basic foodstuffs valued at tens of thousands of pounds have been transported from Haifa to Lebanon in the last three weeks. About IL200,000 to buy the commodities was collected in Haifa, the Triangle, and in Galilee villages. The shipments were arranged by the Committee for victims of the civil war.

Baranes again applies to Supreme Court

The defence attorney for Amos Baranes, serving a life sentence for the murder of Rachel Heller in 1974, yesterday asked the Supreme Court to review the conviction once more.

The Supreme Court had turned down an appeal by Baranes against the conviction by the Haifa District Court. It had strongly condemned the police's conduct and handling of the accused, but ruled that Baranes's confession was a valid one.

The attorney, Eliezer Tolstier, based his application on a charge that two senior police officers — the one criticized by the court — had lied and on the argument that although the confession was in Baranes's handwriting, this did not prove he had made it willingly. He asked that four more justices sit on this review, in addition to the three who dealt with the appeal.

The Supreme Court president passed the application on to the prosecution, and will rule on it within a few days. (Itim)

2 held in diamond robbery-murder

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two new suspects in last Sunday's diamond robbery-murder, were picked up for questioning yesterday morning. Both suspects, one 26 and the other 35, live here and are known to the police.

A decision to book the two will be taken only after they have been questioned and their fingerprints checked against those on an envelope discovered shortly after the diamond-cutting plant was robbed last week.

A plant employee, Yosef Salomon, 51, was murdered during the course of the robbery at the diamond-polishing shop on Rehov Ben-Avigor here. The robbers made off with about \$50,000-worth of cut, unpolished diamonds.

Police hopes for a quick solution to the case were dashed when laboratory tests revealed that the bullets inside an "Uzi" magazine, accidentally dropped by one of the robbers were too oily to bear fingerprints.

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Lady Bird Johnson, widow of the late U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, yesterday continued on the busy itinerary of her six-day visit to Israel. She was joined in the morning by her older daughter, Linda Robb, who arrived with her husband, Mrs. Johnson, Linda and the younger daughter, Luci Nugent, visited the Jewish National Fund's forest, near Jerusalem, named in memory of President Johnson. Both Lady Bird and Luci (above) planted trees in the forest.

Mrs. Johnson and her party then toured the Hadassah Medical Centre, where they chatted with Jewish and Arab children in the pediatric ward, met with students of the nursing school — many of whom are U.S. immigrants — and viewed the famous Chagall stained-glass windows in the centre's synagogue.

The Johnson party also visited Massada during the day.

Two police officers suspected of misconduct

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two police sergeants serving with the drug squad here are under investigation for unethical behaviour. One, now on vacation, is suspected of taking IL900 from a sum of money the police were holding as evidence. The second, who has been suspended, has been accused of failing to inform his superiors about his friendship with a suspect in a drug case. Both have been with the police for four years.

In the first instance, the police received a complaint from an individual who claimed a ring worth several thousand pounds was missing after his house had been searched by members of the drug squad. Detectives who had engaged in the search were questioned and underwent lie detector tests, which showed that one was not telling the truth. In the course of the investigation, it was found that this same

police sergeant might have taken IL900 from money the drug squad was intending to use as evidence in an upcoming trial.

Searches have been conducted at the sergeant's apartment.

In the second case, another drug squad sergeant has been accused of having a relationship with a young woman suspect in a drug case now before the courts. The woman is suspected of smuggling 350 grams of heroin into the country from Europe. The woman was arrested in April, remanded for 10 days, then released for lack of evidence.

After the policeman had been seen in the woman's company at a cafe, she was picked up again for questioning and revealed that she had known the sergeant for some time, prior to the alleged drug-smuggling incident. For failing to report that he had known the woman the police sergeant will probably face a police disciplinary court.

French tourists beaten, robbed in Herzliya flat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — Two thieves early Tuesday morning broke into the apartment of a couple on an extended visit to Israel from France, beat them and escaped with money and jewellery.

The two masked men jimmied their way into the apartment of Haim and Ida Lipshitz on Rehov Kaf Tet November about 4 a.m. Mr. Lipshitz, 57, was hit on the head while sleeping by one of the men, while the other thief stuffed a handkerchief into Mrs. Lipshitz's mouth and removed her wedding ring.

The thieves then spent about 20 minutes ransacking the apartment for valuables, taking jewels, a watch and cash.

Mrs. Lipshitz, woke neighbours who called the police. Her husband was treated at Magen David Adom and released.

Four young men, two from Herzliya and two from Haifa, were arrested Tuesday morning on suspicion of robbing the Lipshitz couple. An elderly couple in Tel Aviv's Hatikva quarter was robbed of about IL85,000 and beaten up by thieves a week ago in a similar incident.

Dentist claims drug addict framed him

TEL AVIV. — The District Court yesterday shortened to four days the detention of a dentist remanded earlier this week for 14 days on suspicion of evading income tax and smuggling his money out of the country.

Dr. Jack Saban told the court he immigrated to Israel in 1969, and was thus permitted by law to main-

tain an account abroad until 1979. He offered to tell his Swiss bank to disclose his transactions, to prove his money was placed there before his immigration to Israel.

Dr. Saban said the accusations originated with a girl addicted to drugs, whom he tried to help. The girl became jealous when he got married two months ago, the dentist said. (Itim)

'Porush bought votes,' Lorincz charges Lorincz the loser, Porush bounces back in Aguda internal elections

By DAVID LANDAU
and JOSEFA BRILLANT
Jerusalem Post Staff

Colourful Jerusalem Agudat Yisrael leader Menahem Porush has bounced back into political prominence, winning almost 25 per cent of the votes in Agudat's internal elections. Porush's "Perfect Faith" faction took second place, behind the "Central" faction of the Gur hassidim (nearly 25 per cent).

The shock loser was Shlomo Lorincz's "Obedience and Fulfilment" faction, hitherto the largest in the party, which polled only 21.3 per cent. Fourth was Shlomo Gross' "United" faction of Hungarian and Rumanian hassidim, with 12.5 per cent. The "Oriental" faction received nine per cent, and four small factions also ran.

Lorincz immediately accused Porush of buying votes, a charge which Porush and his aides bitterly denied.

The election — the first in Agudat in more than 30 years — means that Porush is almost certain to resume his Knesset membership at the next general election. He was forced to cede his seat earlier this year, and since then has pressed for internal party elections to prove that he was wronged.

The election results may also mean, according to informed observers, a new alignment of forces within Agudat which could leave Lorincz out in the cold, after more than 20 years in the Knesset. The Agudat has only three seats in the House.

Rabbi Pinhas Menahem Alter, brother of the hassidic Rebbe of Lublin and head of the "Central" faction, said yesterday he regarded that prospect as "certainly possible."

"We don't want to push Lorincz out," Rabbi Alter said. "If he goes along with our line, we can continue working in harmony. But if he doesn't... Well, the fact is that 'Central' and 'Perfect Faith' together will now control more than half of the party's central committee, so we can call the shots."

Rabbi Alter acknowledged that an unspoken "Central" "Perfect Faith" understanding had operated during the election campaign, with the two factions forbearing to assault each other and directing the brunt of their energies upon Lorincz's faction.

Both Rabbi Alter and a top Porush aide stressed that their factions had conducted restrained campaigns, never attacking unless attacked first — which they both were by the Lorincz faction.

"Our campaign was scrupulously fair and above-board — on the strictest instructions of Menahem Porush," said Asher Harris, Porush's senior assistant.

Harris branded as "base lies and calumnies" Lorincz's charges that "Perfect Faith" had bought votes for cash. He attributed his faction's success to Porush's great personal popularity — especially in Jerusalem where the faction had picked up more than 60 per cent of its support. "Menahem Porush is a devoted public servant," he explained.

"He works harder than 10 men, 18 hours a day, all for the public good. There is no worthy cause that he refuses to take up."

Porush is known for his willingness to help people who ask him for a favour. He is also known for his management of 315 charitable funds to which people can apply for interest-free assistance.

But Shlomo Lorincz yesterday

attributed Porush's success to more than popularity or charity. "I have very clear information that the Porush faction bought votes for money," Lorincz told *The Jerusalem Post*. "I shall submit this information — complete with specific instances and sums — to the highest party forums."

He said that as a result of Porush's "foul play" the election results had "distorted the true balance of power in Aguda."

Porush's tactics had eroded "Obedience and Fulfilment" support even in its main bastion, Bnei Brak, Lorincz charged.

He said the prospect of an alignment against himself was "theoretically feasible." But he noted that he had cooperated with the "Central" faction over many years — and hoped that that cooperation would continue.

The internal struggle will no doubt come to a head at the Aguda convention, to be held on the basis of the election results — later this summer.

The only ideological issue in the election was the "United Tora Front" — the electoral bloc which Aguda set up four years ago with the more Zionist-oriented Poalei Aguda. The "Central", "Perfect Faith" and "United" factions all favour the continuation of this front with PAI. Only Lorincz's "Obedience and Fulfilment" faction, whose main strength is among the ultra-Orthodox yeshivot of Bnei Brak, opposes the front with PAI.

Whatever the outcome of the battles ahead, said Rabbi Alter, who is chairman of Aguda's Central Committee, the elections themselves had been an achievement for the party. "We have finally emerged," he said, "from a lengthy period of arterio-sclerosis."

After hedge-hopping Odyssey to Israel '001' steals the Air Force show

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The true sensation for the connoisseurs at Tuesday's Air Force show was the appearance of Air Force "001," the oldest (production year) and youngest (acquisition date) fully commissioned aircraft in service with the Israel Air Force.

"001" made its debut in a series of noisy loops and spins, to the delight of Air Force veterans. This type of plane, known here as the "Harvard," was the standard trainer used by the IAF.

The unexpected appearance of the "flying crate" here was the result of a strange hedge-hopping odyssey to Israel — a story in itself.

A British plane collector had a disassembled Harvard to offer. He coveted a vintage Yak (Yakulev, Russian built) trainer stored in one of the Israel Air Force hangars and offered a swap deal. Efraim Bar Erez, Kanaf Arka's chief pilot, and Yitzhak Yisraeli, a former Himmavir senior pilot, both went to Britain to carry out the swap.

The "001" plane, disassembled and stored for over ten years, was still airworthy. A temporary and strictly one-way British registration, entitling the two men to fly the plane out of England — but not back — was issued. Flying the Harvard itself was done with the help of some old Air Force manuals.

On their first leg across the Channel the radio transmitter was the first item to go. Next was the navigation equipment. Touching down at Caen, France, for a refuelling stop, the two men stocked up on motorists' road maps.

From there on, they flew by hedge-hopping, following the roads or the railroad tracks at rarely more than a few hundred feet of altitude.

Their route was Brindisi to Corfu, then Rhodes, and finally home.

"We gave that plane a complete overhaul," Israel Harel, technical director of Himmavir, told *The Jerusalem Post*. "We also wanted to re-equip it with some more modern stuff. But the Air Force wouldn't have it, especially not the old timers. They wanted that plane exactly as it was — incurably nostalgic and romantic."

Participating in the opening parade will be dance troupes performing in the International Folklore Festival in Haifa. They include groups from Scotland, Holland, West Germany, Turkey, Puerto Rico, the U.S. and Israel. The parade will start from the Yemin Moshe windmill at 5 p.m. and terminate with performances in Independence Park.

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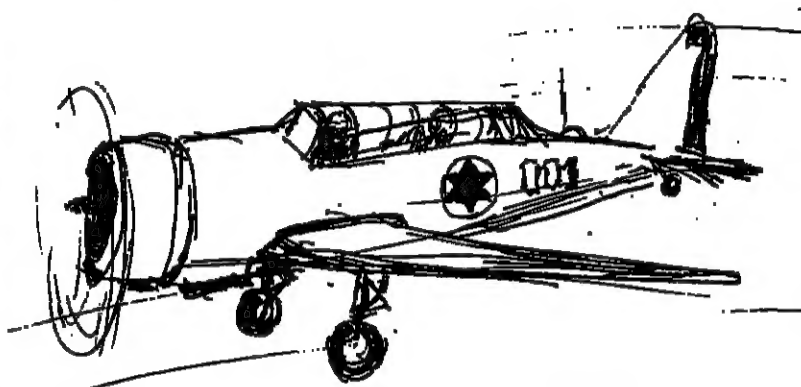
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Dance parade to kick off 'Encounter Jerusalem'

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A parade through the streets of Jerusalem by foreign and local folk dance troupes next Tuesday will kick off an 18-day programme of events aimed at showing off Israel's creative and cheerful side to tourists and potential immigrants.

Billed as Mifgash, (Encounter) Jerusalem, the programme will feature daily performances around the city — some of them free outdoor shows. The centrepiece will be the annual Khutot Hayotzer Fair in the Hinnom Valley outside Jaffa Gate. The fair this year will be considerably expanded to provide 150 exhibition stands, 30 of them given over to new immigrant artists. The fair will open on August 7 and run for two weeks. Many of the entertainment programmes will be given at the fair site. The idea of Mifgash Jerusalem was conceived by Mrs. Aviva Najjar, wife of Israel's former ambassador to Rome, Amiel Najjar. "We wanted to overcome an indifference about Israel abroad and to do it in a festive way. We thought this sort of event would permit the immigrant of yesterday, today and tomorrow to meet." The programme has been

widely advertised abroad by Zionist organizations and El Al.

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RABIN MORE POPULAR BY HALF

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A public opinion poll by Dahaf yesterday showed Prime Minister Rabin's popularity has increased by more than 50 per cent.

Some 35.6 per cent of those interviewed said they would vote for Rabin if they had to choose between him, Moshe Dayan, Menahem Begin or Yigael Yadin. In reply to the same question last month, only 23.2 per cent of the interviewees said they would vote for Rabin.

Some 10.4 per cent of those polled said they would vote for Dayan (13.3 per cent last month), 21.8 per cent for Begin (25.8 per cent), and 15.4 per cent for Yadin (17.2 per cent). The remaining 18.8 per cent said they would vote for other lists or had not made up their minds.

Dahaf also asked whom the interviewees would like to see heading the Alignment's list in the coming elections. The replies were as follows (last month's replies are given in brackets): Shimon Peres 29.6 per cent (27.8); Yitzhak Rabin 28.6 (17.6); Yigael Yadin 11.2 (13.0); Moshe Dayan 5.6 (15.2); Abba Eban 4.0 (5.0); Yigal Ailon 2.6 (3.0); Haim Zadok 1.4 (1.8); Yehoshua Rabinowitz 0.4 (0.6). The remaining 13.6 per cent supported other candidates or had not decided.

The poll was conducted among 500 telephone owners in the big cities.

Dayan sees 'a real chance' for M.E. peace

SYDNEY, Australia. — Former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said here yesterday he believed there was now a real chance for peace between Arabs and Jews in the Middle East.

Dayan said at a press conference he believed there had been a "real change for the better" in the attitude of the Arabs.

"I believe the peoples will live peacefully together," he said on his arrival in Sydney with his wife Rachel for a series of lectures. "But I doubt that a formal (peace) treaty will be signed."

Dayan and his wife were surrounded by 60 police guards following threats that mass demonstrations by Arab sympathizers were planned. (AP)

First IPO street concert in T.A.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Lawyer guilty of slashing tyres

TEL AVIV. — A Givatayim attorney was yesterday convicted by the Magistrate's Court here of slashing another attorney's car tyres.

David Israeli, 41, had asked the court to place him on probation without conviction, after he admitted to having punctured the tyres of attorney Zvi Lidsky's car last year. He said he had done it because of a "silly impulse."

The judge, however, did not accept this plea and fined Israeli IL1,500. Israeli also had to sign a good behaviour bond for a similar amount.

Gunboat commander is demoted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The commander of a navy gunboat who did not stop his crew from smoking hashish has been demoted from lieutenant to private by a court martial. He was acquitted of a charge of smoking hashish himself.

The officer told the court that he was asked by the crewmen to help finance the purchase of a quantity of the drug. He said in evidence that he did not take them seriously, but when he realised that they had indeed bought it, he had intended to inform the unit's psychologist, but had not found him.

The court found that the sailors regarded their officer as a partner in crime. One witness even said that the lieutenant had offered to help finance the hashish deal.

U.S. unions praise Entebbe raid

WASHINGTON. — The AFL-CIO executive council at its quarterly meeting on Tuesday adopted a statement praising Israel's Entebbe rescue, Jacob Sheinkman, president of the Jewish Labour Committee, announced.

Kenya paper: Amin troops in revolt

NAIROBI. — More than 2,000 Ugandan troops have revolted and vowed to fight to the death against President Idi Amin, a Kenya newspaper said yesterday.

"Two battalions have refused to take orders from Kampala since Sunday... and the mutiny is spreading," the "Daily Nation" said in a front page story.

The report, culled from diplomatic and intelligence sources, was not immediately confirmed from other sources. But the "Nation" is often well informed on Ugandan affairs.

The paper said the mutiny was sparked when Amin ordered his troops to prepare for an invasion of neighboring Kenya as relations between the two East African countries deteriorated further.

Amin has accused Nairobi of collaborating in the Israeli rescue of hijack victims at Entebbe airport on July 4, and of blockading Ugandan goods and oil supplies.

The report said two battalions numbering more than 2,000 men at Mubene and Bombo near the capital, Kampala, had refused to obey the orders and rebelled.

The troops vowed "to fight to the death" against Amin, and began hastily digging trenches, bunkers and foxholes at their barracks.

The "Nation" said Amin had started a tour of other army units around the country to assess the situation, "which is reported tense."

There have been unconfirmed reports for many months of unrest in the army. The paper said some troops have not been paid for four months, and have gone without rations for so long that some are resorting to cattle-rustling raids into Kenya.

Meanwhile, the official Kenya radio and the Kenya News Agency said yesterday that at least five more Kenyans had been killed in the past week "in cold blood" by Ugandan soldiers, and another 75, mainly women and children, had been imprisoned in the Ugandan capital of Kampala.

Kenyan sources said several days ago that several hundred Kenyans had been killed in Uganda since relations between the two countries began to sour following the Entebbe rescue raid. (UPI, AP)

Bomb destroys Lisbon offices of Angolans

LISBON. — A powerful bomb explosion ripped through the Lisbon offices of the leftwing Movement for the Liberation of Angola Tuesday night, causing severe damage but no casualties.

The deafening blast caused panic among hundreds of people taking late night strolls in the centre of the city.

The three-storey building had been closed since April when relations between Portugal and its former colony of Angola were severed. A delegation of MPLA representatives was in Lisbon earlier this week for informal talks with Foreign Ministry officials aimed at restoring relations.

A major strain on the ties has been the presence in Portugal of some 800,000 refugees who fled the former colony during the civil war that broke out shortly before its independence last November. A group of refugees looted the MPLA headquarters last October. (Reuters, AP)

Arabs facing food shortage

GENEVA. — Arab countries in Western Asia and the Gulf region face serious food shortages which could worsen in the coming years despite healthy industrial growth, a senior official of the UN's Economic Commission for Western Asia said yesterday.

Reporting to the UN Economic and Social Council meeting here, ECWA executive secretary Mohammed Said al-Attar said an ECWA survey "highlighted the seriousness of the present food situation." It also stressed the probability that the gap will widen between demand for food and agricultural production.

He gave no figures about estimated shortfalls. But he added that through planned agricultural development, ECWA-region countries could substantially increase output of foods such as wheat, vegetables, oils, meat and other animal products.

ECWA comprises Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, North Yemen and South Yemen.

The pace and prospects for industrialisation continued to im-

S. Africa riot towns quiet Terror bombings in Salisbury

SALISBURY, Rhodesia. — Grenades went off Tuesday night at two restaurants in downtown Salisbury, in what is believed to be the first outbreak of urban terrorism in the beleaguered country. There were no deaths, and no arrests were reported as of yesterday.

In South Africa, meanwhile, police reported yesterday that calm had been restored after Tuesday's rioting in Black townships.

In the first of the Salisbury explosions, a Chinese-made stick grenade was hurled into the busy Pink Panther steak house, causing panic and seriously injuring one of the diners.

Minutes later a second grenade went off under a car in front of the La Boheme nightclub, five blocks away. No one was injured in the second blast.

Both establishments are ostensibly multi-racial. Police are investigating a report that a Black man was seen running away from the nightclub soon after the explosion.

Salisbury citizens fear the incidents could mark the start of urban guerrilla warfare. Black nationalists seek to overthrow Ian Smith's White minority government, have so far waged their war in the rural areas, mostly along the north-east and eastern borders with Mozambique. Salisbury, a city of 120,000 whites, is surrounded by Black townships.

In Johannesburg, South Africa, meanwhile, police reported that Tuesday's rioting in Black townships some distance to the east and south. A police spokesman said two Blacks had been killed in the rioting at Witbank and Middelburg, and about 20 wounded. One Black man had been shot dead by police trying to disperse thousands of stonethrowing demonstrators, and the other African died in an automobile accident during the unrest.

It had been the worst outbreak of unrest in Black townships since rioting throughout the Transvaal last month claimed the lives of 176 persons and wounded 1,139.

Tuesday's trouble broke out at Indian and Black townships outside Witbank, a coal mine city 112 km. east of Johannesburg, when 3,000 young Africans went on the rampage, burning and stoning cars and property belonging to Whites, Indians and Coloureds (mixed race). An African man was killed and three women as well as a four-year-old White girl were among the injured.

At Lynville township, the worst-hit area, an 18-year-old Black youth was found shot to death in a beer hall. Two Indian shops in the township and the Indian community centre were burned, administrative offices attacked, and about 15 vehicles destroyed.

Carter: Nixon pardon wrong but won't be issue

PLAINS, Georgia. — Jimmy Carter said on Tuesday that President Ford's pardon of Richard Nixon was "improper and ill-advised." But the Democratic Party U.S. presidential nominee said once again that he will not make the pardon a campaign issue.

At a news conference, Carter said he thought Ford had acted in good conscience in pardoning Nixon and not because of any "secret deal."

"I still think the action he took was improper and ill-advised, and I would not have done it, but I honour his right to make that decision," Carter said he would not have pardoned Nixon until after a trial at which "all the facts relating to his crimes could be known."

The comment came in response to a question and Carter repeated his previously stated position that he will not raise the issue on his own during the campaign. At a White House news conference on Monday, Ford said he does not regret his pardon and would do it again if necessary.

The issue was raised by Carter's running mate, Sen. Walter F. Mondale, in his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention last week. Carter also referred to it obliquely in his acceptance address.

Carter predicted again that the Republican National Convention will nominate Ford but said he is just as ready to campaign against former California Gov. Ronald Reagan. (AP)

India, Pakistan exchange envoys

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan. — India and Pakistan yesterday exchanged ambassadors for the first time since their 1971 war.

K.S. Bajpai, India's ambassador, arrived here shortly after Syed Fida Hassan, Pakistan's ambassador to India, left for New Delhi.

The two nations re-established diplomatic relations earlier this year. In the 1971 conflict, East Pakistan, backed by India, broke away from Pakistan and formed the new nation of Bangladesh. (AP)

SAMPSON. — The trial of Nicos Sampson, who became President of Cyprus after the coup against Archbishop Makarios in July 1974, opened yesterday and was almost immediately adjourned to Monday.

Lockheed in biggest-ever plane deal with Canada

OTTAWA. — The Canadian Government yesterday signed a \$1,000-million deal with the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation to acquire 18 Auroras, which Defence Minister James Richardson said will be the best anti-submarine plane in the world.

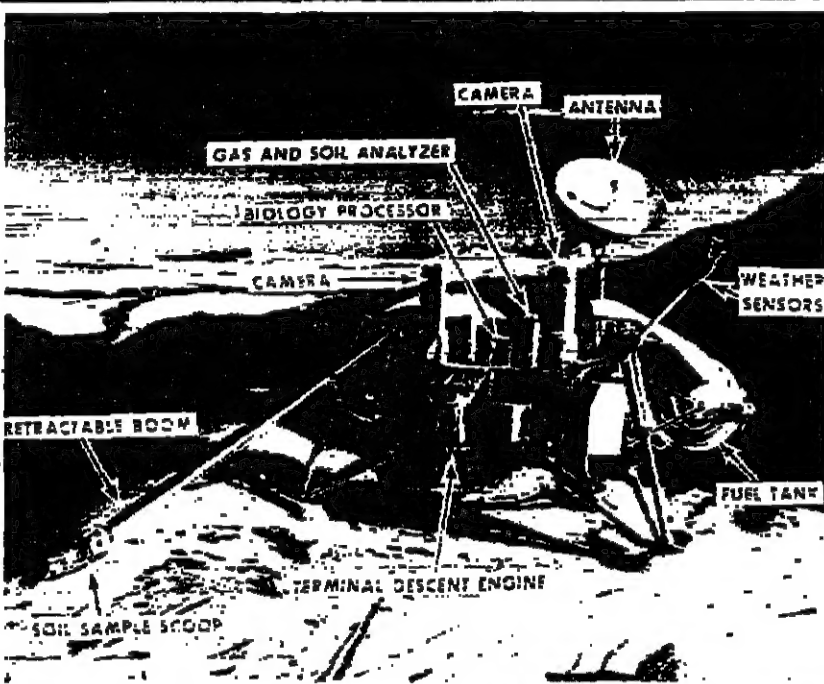
The deal is the largest single peacetime military contract ever signed by Canada, and the largest international deal ever put together by Lockheed. It was accompanied by a declaration that no scandal was involved.

The deal calls for deliveries of the Auroras by March, 1981, replacing aging Argus aircraft. Canada has been using for years. The aircraft is basically the Lockheed Orion anti-submarine plane used by the U.S. Navy and other countries, with an electronics package taken from the carrier-based Lockheed Viking. Richardson said the modifications provide a package that will be good in the next century. Richardson distributed copies of a U.S. Government aide-memoire giving assurances on Lockheed's financial viability and of its ability to raise \$50m. needed to finance the project.

The memoire also contains assurances that "so far as can be determined," there has been no impropriety in dealings of the scandal-plagued company with Canada.

Lockheed's board chairman Robert Haack, whose company has recently signed a \$600m. contract to sell planes to Saudi Arabia, said that even without the Canadian contract this year will be the Lockheed's biggest ever in overseas contracts.

"Our reputation is not completely tarnished," Haack said. He has been board chairman since February, when Lockheed scandals were news in many countries. (AP)



Artist's conception of the Viking spacecraft as it looked after landing Tuesday on Mars. (AP radiophoto)

'Dual citizens' in Lebanon too

By ARTHUR L. GAVSHON

WASHINGTON. — Americans with dual nationality lately have been giving the U.S. State Department a problem because they have been caught up in the turmoil in Lebanon and other Mediterranean trouble spots.

Snarls have been piling up over an estimated 1,000 naturalized Americans of Lebanese extraction in Lebanon. Some find it hard to leave because of a variety of local pressures.

"Our law governing rights of naturalized Americans is extremely complex," a department official said Tuesday. "Problems become more tangled still because each country decides who are its own citizens and who are not."

The U.S. Government, according to the Department of Immigration and Naturalization, doesn't acknowledge the right of naturalized citizens to possess dual nationality.

"When someone becomes a U.S. citizen he renounces all other nationalities," an immigration official explained. "But we also take the view that, in general, such a person returning to the land of his origin may find himself innocently involved in difficult situations over which he has no control. He may, for instance, find himself drafted, because the authorities in the land of his birth still regard him as one of their own citizens."

This doesn't mean that the U.S. Government would decline to help the person concerned. Lazzio Toth, for instance, is a Yugoslav-born American jailed in Yugoslavia a year ago on charges of spying. The U.S. Government sought, through diplomatic channels, to win his release and announced Tuesday that Toth would be freed by tomorrow.

There is an uncounted number of American dual nationals and American-born citizens throughout the Mediterranean region — in Israel, in Greece, and in Cyprus.

They sometimes seem to have defied, or ignored, or been compelled to overlook rules of conduct expected of them under the U.S. 1952 Immigration and Naturalization Act. Among these rules:

- Native-born and naturalized Americans must not, by their own actions, acquire the nationality of or swear allegiance to a foreign state.
- They cannot serve in the armed forces of a foreign power unless so authorized by the Secretary of State or the Defence Secretary.
- They are barred from voting in foreign elections.
- And they are warned against committing any act of treason or force against the U.S., and against draft-dodging by absconding themselves from American territory in times of war or emergency.
- Any or all of these acts would be grounds under the law for the

person to be stripped of his citizenship.

That, at least, was the position until 1968, when a Polish-born naturalized American challenged Dean Rusk, then the U.S. Secretary of State. U.S. officials identified the man only as Afroyim, who had voted in a 1951 Israel election.

Because of this the State Department had sought to withhold his passport from him.

In the Supreme Court hearing that followed, the judges ruled that grounds for stripping Afroyim of his citizenship didn't apply, because there was no evidence to show his intention to give up his American nationality.

"The judgment showed that Congress has no power to strip a citizen of his rights if that person wanted to keep them," the Immigration and Naturalization official said. "Only a court can confer American citizenship on a person, and only a court can deprive him of it."

The effect of the Afroyim vs. Rusk judgment, officials said, was to cast doubt on the validity of other rules of conduct set forth in the 1952 Act. This accounts for the fact that successive administrations have stepped warily in recent years through the legal minefield the case created.

During the 1974 Cyprus crisis, for instance, hundreds of Greek-born Americans found themselves caught up in the confrontation between Athens and Ankara. During the 1967 and 1973 Arab-Israeli wars hundreds of native-born and naturalized American Jews found themselves serving with the Israeli forces.

During the Italian election in June, quite a few Italian-born Americans, one official observed, found themselves with ballots in their hands. "It was unlikely," he added, "any of them voted for the Communists."

All this adds up to the fact that U.S. authorities nowadays try deliberately to take a relaxed view of the rules set forth in the 1952 Act. "We understand there is very little about it if the country of his origin insists on regarding the person as their own citizen," a U.S. State Department official said. "We know that U.S. jurisdiction sometimes is limited, unless there are precise understandings with the countries concerned."

The measurement factor in most cases now is one of "volition," meaning how actively a person pursues the benefits of dual nationality. Washington generally looks the other way when some Americans, born in countries like Britain, for instance, innocently and automatically acquire rights to foreign nationality. But these people are expected to indicate their intentions to fulfill their obligations as U.S. citizens as soon as they are able to exercise their judgment. (AP)

Force-cut talks stymied

VIENNA. — The Atlantic Alliance and the Communist Warsaw Pact yesterday adjourned negotiations on reduction of their forces in Central Europe with no progress after three years of talks. The sessions will resume September 27.

Delegations from 19 countries, led by the U.S. and the Soviet Union, are taking part in the talks. The final session before the summer break was their 11th, ending the ninth round of conferences.

The two alliances were still split over NATO insistence that the Warsaw Pact has more troops and tanks in Central Europe.

NATO said in 1973 that the Warsaw Pact had 930,000 men and 16,000 tanks in Central Europe, facing NATO's 770,000 men and 6,000 tanks.

The Communists have reportedly submitted lower figures for their strength, but neither side would reveal these. (AP)

Gold rallies in Europe

LONDON. — Gold rallied on London bullion markets yesterday after Tuesday's panicky slide which pushed the metal to its lowest level in two and a half years.

The price was fixed yesterday at \$110 an ounce, \$3 higher than the overnight close.

A small steady demand pushed the price up to \$113.50, regaining Tuesday's loss.

Gold had opened before the rise at \$107.

"Extremely active conditions have prevailed in the market this morning with much more confidence seen," a dealer for bullion brokers Sharpe Fildes said. A top gold expert expected it to be back above

\$150 in the next 18 months or so. The gold price will determine how much the developing nations will benefit from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) auctions. It was last week's second of the 16 IMF auctions that started the downward plunge.

Other nations too are dependent on the gold price. The future of the South African economy hinges upon it, while the Russians also depend on gold sales for their food imports.

The big question yesterday was — has the price "bottomed out," fallen as far as it's going to fall, or was yesterday's respite just temporary, with more drops to follow. (UPI)

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We will not accept the transformation of health insurance into an instrument of political or organizational coercion, and the denial of the insured person's right to select the sick fund and doctor of his choice.

The Independent Liberal Party will have no hand in the wasting of tens of millions of pounds which will result from the use of superfluous, parallel dues-collection organizations, rather than collection by the National Insurance Institute (at no additional expense).

The Independent Liberal Party wishes to state that: failure to amend the National Insurance Bill, so as to safeguard the citizen from pressure and coercion will endanger the structure of the coalition and the government. The I.L.P. will vote against the Bill in its present form.

The Independent Liberals will not participate in a government coalition that passes this Bill.

We will not condone such disregard of basic principles.

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OLYMPIC GAMES

U.S., East Germany in line for more gold

American Men, with five gold medals, and East German Women, with four gold medals, are expected to add to their totals in last night's four finals in the Olympic swimming programme which began at 1 a.m. today Israel time.

The two teams have dominated the swimming so far, winning all events they have entered, and world records tumbled in eight of the nine finals decided. Only in the women's 200-metre butterfly did East Germany's Andrea Pollack fail to beat teammate Rosemarie Gabriel's world mark of 2:11.22, returning a time of 2:11.41.

East Germany could win its first men's gold in the 100-metre butterfly final.

The U.S. is favoured to take the men's 4x200 relay final.

Yesterday, the American quartet, anchored by double world record holder Bruce Furniss, shattered the world's 4x200-metre freestyle relay record yesterday and moved the U.S. into position for a sixth gold medal in swimming.

The foursome of Doug Northway, Tim Shaw, Mike Bruner and Furniss, lowered the freestyle relay standard to 7:30.33 in winning their heat. The time was five seconds better than the current Olympic record, also held by Americans.

Second among the eight finalists was the Soviet quartet, in 7:33.21, followed by the West Germans. Others in the final are Britain, East Germany, Italy, Sweden and the Netherlands.

In the women's 200-metre breaststroke final, a 16-year-old Russian girl, Marina Kozhevaya, broke up the East German dominance. She led the breaststroke qualifying in the Olympic record time of 2:35.14.

Carla Linke of East Germany, the world record holder for the event (2:34.99), was the second swiftest in 2:37.13. Hannelore Anke, 18, another East German, was third with 2:37.21.

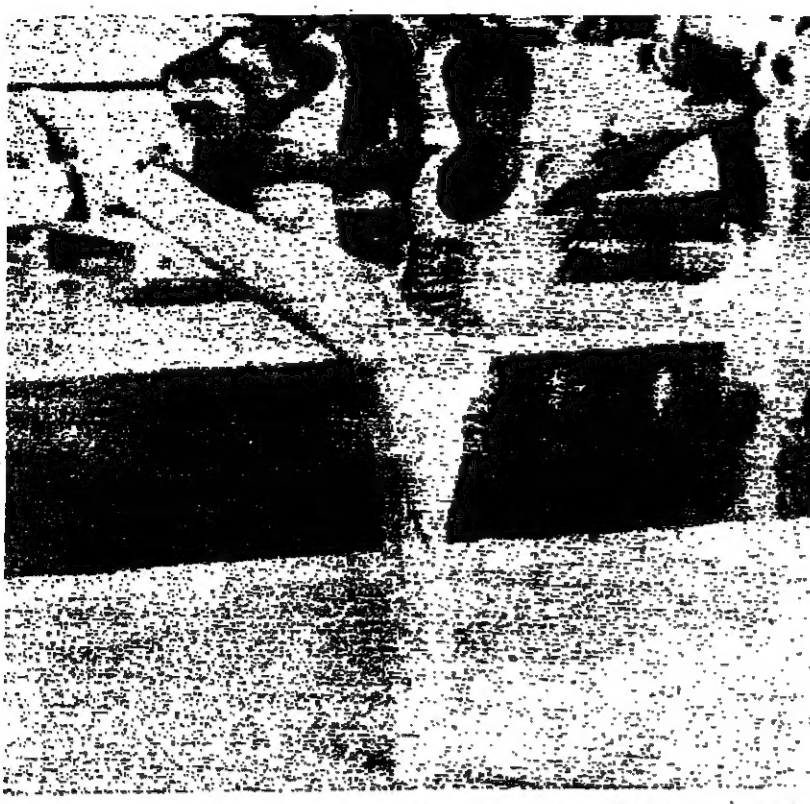
Late Tuesday night, East Germany's Roger Pyttel and his American rival, Gary Hall, turned in the fastest times in the heats of the men's 100-metre butterfly to lead the way into the semi-finals, scheduled for last night.

The world record of 54.27 seconds for the 100-metre butterfly is the only one of Mark Spitz's records still standing, and neither Pyttel (55.25) nor Hall (55.35) threatened it in winning their heats.

Canada's 14-year-old Nancy Garapick was the fastest qualifier for the semi-final of the women's 100-metre backstroke with an excellent time of 1:04.28.

This was better than the Olympic record of 1:05.78 set by Melissa Belote of the U.S. at the Munich games, but East Germany's Ulrike Richter had lowered that to 1:02.23 here on Sunday in swimming the backstroke leg as East Germans won the women's 4x100 metres medley relay.

Miss Richter's time is officially



Israel's Dev Lavi performing optional exercises in the gymnastic competition on Tuesday. He placed 19th, and completed his participation with a total of 106.45 points, placing him 68th in a field of 90.

listed as an Olympic record, though it did not come in the actual 100-metre backstroke event. She was the second fastest qualifier in the heats on Tuesday, in 1:02.28 — more than one second off her record time in the relay.

New Zealand's Rebecca Ferrott swam the fastest race of her life in the women's 400-metre freestyle heats as she topped the eight women going into the final with a clocking of 4:18.71. Pre-race favourite Shirley Babashoff of the U.S. was next at 4:16.07, and Canada's Shannon Smith was third.

Gymnastics

Japanese men came up from behind to retain their Olympic team gold medal in gymnastics on Tuesday night. The Soviet Union won the silver and East Germany took the bronze.

Japan's gymnasts amassed a total of 5,576.5 points — just four-tenths of a point ahead of the Russians. Earlier, the Rumanian girls had also edged their Russian rivals for supremacy in the women's gymnastics.

It was the fifth straight gold medal in the event for the Japanese. The Soviet Union had led after the compulsory round but fell back midway through the optional exercises and never caught up. The Soviets were second also at Munich in 1972.

Czechoslovakia's three-man modern pentathlon team retained its lead Tuesday after the third event, pistol shooting, in the Olympic competition.

The Czechs scored 3,000 points to boost their total to 8,745, with Bulgaria replacing the U.S. in the runner-up spot. Bulgaria scored 2,334 in the shooting for a total of 8,339. Hungary, the winner four times in the Olympics since 1952, took third with 2,758 and a total of 8,503.

Basketball

The four remaining unbeaten men's basketball squads were scheduled to take the court in key games last night in their fight for Olympic medals.

The Soviet Union, the gold medal winner at the 1972 Munich Games, meets surprising Canada, and the U.S., the 1972 silver winner, faces Yugoslavia.

The Russians are the favourites to meet the U.S. in a re-match in the final on July 27. They held victories over Mexico, 120-77, and Australia, 93-77.

Canada, not initially thought to be a contender, opened on Sunday with a 104-76 win over Japan and followed it with an 84-79 defeat of Cuba, the 1972 bronze medal winner.

The U.S., scared on Tuesday night by a last second victory over Puerto

Tunisia also quits games

MONTREAL: — Tunisia yesterday became the 22nd country to announce its decision not to boycott the Olympic Games here in a revolt against the Olympic movement's refusal to expel New Zealand. The defection cut the number of countries participating to 92.

Six other countries have withdrawn without formally announcing their decision, as well as Taiwan.

The 21 that have previously informed the organizers of their withdrawal are Algeria, Chad, Cameroon, Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guyana, Iraq, Kenya, Libya, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Uganda, Swaziland, Togo, Upper Volta and Zambia.

In Dakar, however, Senegal announced its decision not to boycott the Games. It will continue to take part, an official communiqué said yesterday.

Senegal is represented in Montreal by a team of 70 athletes and officials.

Earlier, Jamaica also decided not to withdraw. A statement from the Jamaica Foreign Affairs Ministry said that the New Zealand Olympics team did not come within the prohibitions imposed by Jamaican Government principles on apartheid.

In Dar-es-Salaam, meanwhile, it was announced that — Tanzania's world 1,500-metre record holder Eliseo Rayi has been withdrawn from a competition in Sweden next month because athletes from New Zealand are taking part. Tanzania led the African boycott of the Olympics because of sporting links between New Zealand and South Africa.

The U.S., however, still plans to send a team of women gymnasts to

South Africa next month on an exhibition tour, despite the furor over the current tour there by a New Zealand rugby union team that led to the boycott of the Olympics.



Look ma, no hands! But what East German cyclist Klaus-Jürgen Grunke really is celebrating is the gold medal he garnered in winning the 1,000-metre time event in Montreal on Tuesday. (AP)

Olympics, Brazil had earlier beaten Egypt, which on Tuesday withdrew from all games competitions.

Japan opened its defence of its volleyball gold medal with a 15-6, 15-2, 15-6 victory over Italy.

In the women's Group B Cuba added to their new reputation by beating East Germany, 7-15, 15-5, 15-3, 15-13, while the Soviet women also won their first match, defeating South Korea, 16-14, 12-15, 15-2, 15-14.

Football

In football, the young Brazilian and Spanish teams delighted a crowd of 30,698 in Montreal on Tuesday night — the biggest turnout ever at a soccer match in Canada.

Brazil won, 2-1, to ensure that they qualify from Group A for the quarterfinals on Sunday. The positive play of these sides — both in effect under-20 squads — cheered the fans more than the polished techniques of the Poles and Russians they saw on previous days.

In Ottawa, Iran marked their debut in the competition by beating Cuba in Group C, by the only goal of the match. The Cubans, outplayed till halftime, rallied later but found goalkeeper Mansour Rashidi brave as well as agile.

Cycling

Klaus-Jürgen Grunke of East Germany collected East Europe's second consecutive cycling gold medal of the Games when he won the one-kilometre time trial.

Yesterday, France's legendary Anne Morelon, who has won three Olympic golds and six world titles in the past 10 years, started out on the trail that should bring him his third successive Olympic sprint title.

Rowing

In rowing, a proud era in U.S. Olympic history ended on Montreal's Notre Dame Island when an American crew failed to reach an eighth final for the first time in an Olympic regatta. They were outclassed by a powerful British and Czechoslovak crews in their heat.

The U.S. was not the only rated crew to flop out. The Soviet Union failed to make the eighth final of a major competition for the first time in 10 years when it trailed in third to reigning Olympic champion New Zealand and West Germany. The Kiwis won the repechage in 5 minutes, 37 seconds.

Weights

Soviet weightlifter Nikolai Kolesnikov won the featherweight gold medal and then went on to make a world record jerk of 151 1/2 kg. outside the competition, beating his own previous mark by half a kilo.

World Records

Men's 1,500-metre freestyle — Brian Goodell, U.S. — 15:02.40.
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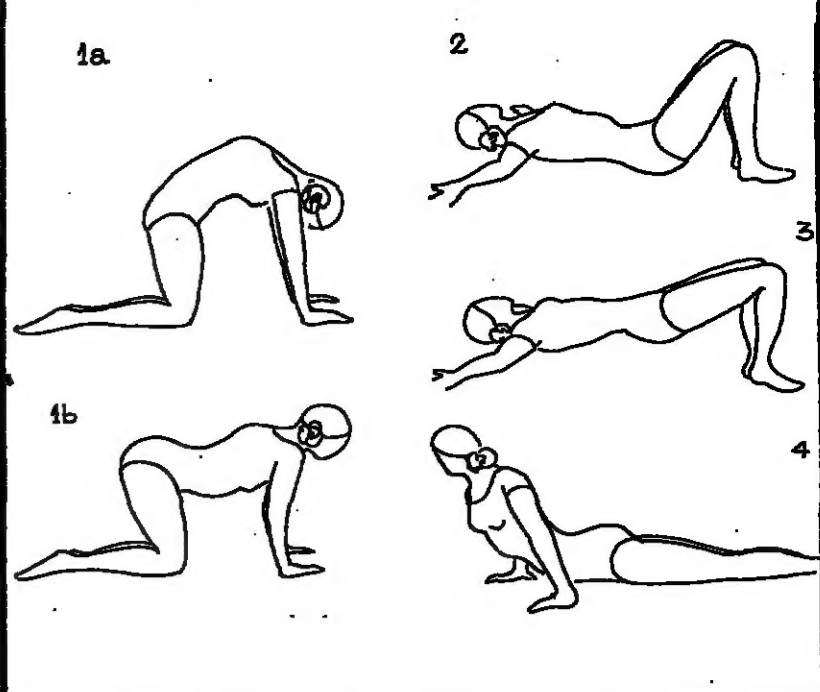


FIGURE IT OUT / Judie Oron

Help for aching backs

A PAIN in the back is a matter for the doctor. An ache is not always thought of as a condition to bother him about, nevertheless, any discomfort related to the back should be immediately reported to your physician. Those of you who have been to the doctor about your back, been X-rayed and dismissed, but are still suffering, might try the exercise series given below for temporary relief (instead of a pill).

Pregnant women and new mothers especially seem prone to the kind of lower backaches to which I'm referring. (In another column, aches in the shoulder and neck region will be discussed.) Lower back ache is thought to be a reflection of weak stomach muscles. Bending, lifting, diapering and even breast-feeding can be agonizing activities when your stomach muscles are weak. Thus, strengthening your stomach muscles is often the first step to solving lower back problems.

If you're not pregnant, not a new mother and your stomach muscles are hands of iron and your back still bothers you, the problem most likely is bad posture. While learning to do everything differently in order to correct this, you can exercise to relieve the strain.

Pregnant women can safely do the exercises (except for no. 4), but without pulling in stomach muscles. Nursing mothers should always find a comfortable position to nurse in, without having to bend too low. Diaper your baby on a high surface, changing a baby at a level lower than your waist is torture for the back.

1. On all fours on the floor or carpet (or even in bed), pull in your stomach muscles. (If you're pregnant, remember, keep your stomach relaxed.) Arch your back as high as possible, as though you were trying to get the middle of your back to touch the ceiling. At the same time, press down hard on the floor with your hands. Now relax your stomach muscles and let your back collapse, pushing your back and stomach in the opposite direction, towards the floor. Repeat 5 times.

2. Lie on your back, with your knees bent, feet flat on the floor. Press the lower part of your back to the floor and tighten your abdominal muscles — do both as hard as you can. Relax to starting position. Repeat 5 times.

3. In the same position as in no. 2, pull your stomach muscles in and lift your body as high as possible onto your shoulders, one vertebra after the other. Arch your back. Release your stomach muscles and lower yourself back to starting position, one vertebra after the other. Repeat 5 times.

4. Lie face down with your legs straight and together. Hands on the floor at the level of your waist. Push yourself upwards with your hands, arching your back, until you are resting almost solely on your lower legs. Lower yourself to starting position. Repeat 5 times.

FILM REVIEW

A good-natured comedy

Lupo Goes To New York (Tel Aviv, Hod; Jerusalem, Ron; Haifa, Ron; and elsewhere in the country) is a sequel to the popular film about the old furniture peddler from the Jaffa flea market which was made in 1970 and marked the screen debut of Yehuda Barkan, who is also the Lupo of this picture.

Lupo's only daughter has married the son of a wealthy family and has a small son called Roni (Chen Litkin). Roni and his grandfather are devoted to one another but the boy is now living in New York where his father has a post with the Israeli Consulate. The old man is set on getting to New York to bring Roni back to Israel and most of the film is concerned with his adventures in the big city.

The film has been described as a "satirical comedy" but its tone is too good-natured and too affectionate for it to rate as satire, even of a mild kind. Like the first Lupo film, it is a broad comedy with simple, unadorned humour and loaded with sentiment. Every point is underlined and the acting is of the obvious kind to match. The poor have hearts of gold and the wealthy are snobs except for Lupo's friend from

the old country, Mendel, now become a senator, the head of a Financial Committee with power to approve a big grant to Israel. When the two fell into each other's arms and Mendel signs the approval there were loud cheers from the audience.

The relationship between grandfather and grandson is so reminiscent of that between a similar couple in "Lies My Father Told Me" that at times one feels one has seen this picture before.

Barkan plays his role with much enthusiasm as does Gabi Amrani as Lupo's friend Mirachi the rag-seller who through error, finds himself also en route to New York. In fact the whole cast give energetic performances and young Litkin seems an agreeable child.

The screenplay was written by Shimon Israeli and Boaz Davidson with the last named also directing. A man on a S 10 m on was the photographer and Yair Rosenblum wrote the music while Yoram Globus and Menahem Golan were the producers.

Like the Dr. Gailland film, this one too carries a message: "East-West — home's best." Home, of course, being Israel.

S. W.

Today's events

- (Israel time)
- 5.30 p.m. Women's 100 metres breaststroke heats, men's 400 metres freestyle heats, women's 200 metres freestyle heats, men's 4x100 medley relay heats.
- 1 a.m. (Fri.): Women's 100 metres breaststroke semifinals, men's 400 metres freestyle final, women's 100 metres butterfly final, women's 200 metres freestyle final, men's 4x100 metres medley relay final.
- 1 a.m. (Fri.): Men's three-metre springboard final, Water Polo.
- 3.30 p.m.: Three games.
- 4 p.m.: Women's rowing semifinals, coxed four, double sculls, single sculls, quadruple sculls, eight.
- 5 p.m.: Women Bulgaria v. USSR, 8 p.m.: Czechoslovakia v. Puerto Rico, 10 p.m.: Men Yugoslavia v. Italy, 1 a.m. (Fri.): Women U.S. v. Canada.
- Boxing
- 7 p.m.: Second series bouts.
- 9 p.m.: Individual pursuit semifinals, sprint eight finals and repechages, and quarterfinals first and second series; individual pursuit final for third and fourth, and first and second places.
- 12 noon: Women's individual epee preliminaries and (10 p.m.) men's individual sabre final.
- 9 p.m. Spain v. East Germany, Iran v. Poland.
- Gymnastics
- 1.30 a.m. (Fri.): Women's individual apparatus final.
- Weightlifting
- 8.30 p.m.: 75-kg. class.
- Handball
- 11.30 p.m.: Women USSR v. Rumania, East Germany v. Japan, Canada v. Hungary, Men Yugoslavia v. USSR, West Germany v. Canada, Denmark v. Japan, Hungary v. U.S., Poland v. Czechoslovakia.
- Hockey
- 4 p.m.: India v. Canada, Australia v. Netherlands, and West Germany v. Spain.
- Wrestling
- 4 p.m. and 1.30 a.m. (Fri.): Greco-Roman style third round.
- Modern Pentathlon
- 10.15 p.m.: Cross-country running event.
- Equestrian
- 12 noon and 8 p.m.: Three-day event, dressage.
- Shooting
- 8 p.m.: Running game target, skeet shooting, and rapid fire pistol first phase.
- Volleyball
- 7 p.m.: Men Brazil v. Japan, 9 p.m.: Women Cuba v. USSR, 1.30 a.m. (Fri.): Women East Germany v. South Korea.
- Yachting
- 7 p.m.: Fourth race.



East Germany's Kornelia Ender sets the waters of the Olympic Pool churning in the third heat of the women's 100-metre butterfly yesterday. She came in first with time of 1:02.45. (UPI)

Medal winners

Olympic medal winners on Tuesday: Clay Finsen shooting, trap; Donald Haldeman, U.S. — gold; Armando Silva Marques, Portugal — silver; Ubalde Baldi, Italy — bronze.

1,000-metre cycling time trial: Klaus-Jürgen Grunke, East Germany — gold (1:03.927); Michel Vaarten, Belgium — silver; Niels Fredborg, Denmark — bronze.

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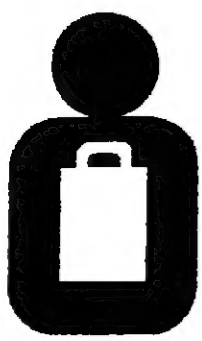
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16.30 Olympic roundup
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17.30 Teleplay
17.30 Cartoon

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18.30 News roundup
18.32 We Chose You! Programme including selections from films, songs and dances.

19.00 I Have a Question: A panel answers questions from the audience on politics, science, and society.

19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.05 with Documentary: On Poles in Israel.

20.15 Programme trailer
21.00 Mahat newscast
21.30 Behind the Headlines: Weekly magazine, including interviews with personalities in the news, and discussion and comparison of news coverage in different media — moderated by Yaron London.

Olympic Games: 22.00 Volleyball, Hockey, 23.00 Swimming, 23.30 Olympic Newscast.

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24.10 Thriller — Jason King: Royal

1.00 Olympic Games: swimming
2.00 Today's verse from the Bible

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Half pay for half work

THOUGH the Histadrut opposes the parliamentary bill penalizing work sanctions, it does not intend that employees declaring a partial strike should get off scot-free. What it objects to is the Government's decision to deal with the subject by legislation.

It is, and always has been an accepted principle, without any need for legislation, that workers who down tools forfeit their right to receive a salary — even if their walkout is approved by the Histadrut.

Shopfloor committees soon discovered a way round this obstacle. If the men clock in at the plant but deliberately refrain from performing a portion of their task, they achieve the best of both worlds. They damage the interests of the employer without sacrificing their own earnings.

The present bill merely extends the principle of no work, no pay, by stipulating that if a man performs only half his job, or sabotages the job he has to do, he shall be entitled to only half his pay. This is not an over-rigorous penalty, since there must always be some deterrent to prevent irresponsible work stoppages. An employer is deterred from letting an industrial dispute get out of hand by the fear of losing production. The worker should be deterred by the fear of losing at least some of his pay.

In fact the bill is milder than it might be. If the workers make a demand which is not in breach of contract, and their sanctions in support of that demand are approved by the representative trade union (that is, the Histadrut), then the employer will have to go on paying a full wage after all, despite the fact that he is not getting full production.

Even that does not satisfy critics in the Histadrut. They are against giving the subject statutory form altogether, alleging that the proper place for it is in the collective agreements. But as Labour Minister Moshe Baran has stated no penalties against work sanctions appear in any collective agreement so far.

There have been a rash of sanctions unauthorised by the Histadrut, recently. The current one is by the Treasury's tax officials, whose dispute has been going on obstinately since they struck for a special allowance a year ago.

Is it to be expected that the Civil Servants' Union will negotiate a contract on the revenue officials' behalf with the Civil Service Commission, docking their salaries for doing just what they are engaged in at this moment — or would be engaged in were it not for the back-to-work orders issued by the Cabinet?

The overriding Knesset majority which passed Baran's bill on its first reading suggests that the Histadrut's opposition is at best lukewarm. Once the measure is in force, it may be possible to withdraw those back-to-work orders, leaving the tax personnel to make up their minds whether their demands are so urgent that they are prepared to lose half their pay-chèques in pursuit of that particular cause.

Making Jerusalem first

LIP SERVICE to the centrality of Jerusalem in the life of Israel has been paid handsomely, even fulsomely, by all and sundry, on numerous occasions — ever since the city, then torn asunder, was officially declared the State's capital back in 1949. Yet though it is now reunited, and grown to seemingly first rank, Jerusalem remains to all intents and purposes Israel's "second city."

It is surely no denigration of the leading role of Greater Tel Aviv as the hub of the country to suggest that it cannot, by any means, take Jerusalem's place. Yet a large number of Government departments and national institutions to this day maintain their head offices in Tel Aviv; and a regular exodus of Jerusalem officials towards the end of every week to the coastal area clearly indicates that that is, after all, "where the action is." There has, of course, been no dearth of solemn decisions — by the Histadrut, for example — to move up to Jerusalem, and also no scarcity of excuses for not carrying those decisions out.

Yet Israelis feel no compunction in remonstrating with foreigners — such as ambassadors and newspaper correspondents for example — who fail to make Jerusalem their regular home. They, it appears, must practise what we preach.

This is all the more reason to applaud the Prime Minister's recent decision to make the Jerusalem branch of the Government Press Office into its head bureau. The Government also deserves commendation for its proposal — which, we trust, will soon be ratified — to require all Government-sponsored conventions and other functions of national and international importance to be held in the capital.

ISRAEL PRESS

ASSAD AND THE PLO

DAVAT (Histadrut), discussing President Assad's speech in Damascus on Tuesday, says that it "reveals the depth of the split between the PLO and Syria and indicates that Syria does not identify the PLO with the Palestinian cause and is determined to teach the terrorist leaders a lesson on Lebanese soil."

"However, even though Israel has no cause to sympathize with the terrorists in Lebanon, she is more concerned with some of the long-range aspects touched on by Assad. He stated emphatically that Syria would continue to play a leading role in the struggle for the Palestinian cause, and that there would be no fighting Israel without Syrian participation. There is no reason for Israel to change its present policy towards the Lebanese crisis but Assad's speech served notice of the

possibility that the Syrian involvement in that country could assume a different character at a later stage."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) says the objections to the proposed national health insurance law stem not from the narrow interests of a small group of doctors who wish to protect their private practices, or the political manoeuvres of the Independent Liberal and National Religious Parties. "It is unfortunate that this unreasonable controversy harms the 15 per cent of the population who are not entitled to any health insurance today — mainly the old and needy, Jews and Arabs alike, who are not insured with the existing health funds. There is no doubt that the majority of the country's physicians welcome this proposed scheme."

"THREE SUCCESSIVE years of zero (or almost zero) economic growth — that is no way to solve Israel's problems," according to Ya'acov Levinson, Chairman of Bank Hapoalim. He warned that unless policies are changed quickly, foreign currency is likely to run so short by the end of next year that it may have to be rationed.

After heading the bank for seven years, which turned out to be a phase of tremendous growth, Levinson now 44, has partially withdrawn from active management. A dominant figure on the economic scene, he had first refusal of the Finance Ministry when Sapir left it two years ago, and he still controls policy in the country's second biggest bank.

Being thus a leading member of the establishment — in a country where the opposition parties have no economic policy to speak of — his outspoken criticism of the official line had a powerful impact. "Inflation is usually the price to be paid for rapid economic growth. We have inflation — and no growth," he pointed out mordantly.

The public sector spends too much money, and has grown over-large. The solution is to cut budget expenditure. This is the one cure-all, he believes.

"Stop recruiting staff in the civil service and other public institutions. Their numbers will run down quickly enough. Introduce mobility inside each organisation, so that existing personnel take on the functions that fall vacant. More responsibility will make them more efficient," he promised.

A cure for Israel's economic ills



"The reason for Israel's trade deficit is that the country produces too little. The remedy is not to leash production, it is to produce more." This is the opinion of YAACOV LEVINSON, Chairman of Bank Hapoalim, voiced during a wide-ranging discussion of the country's economic problems with staff members of The Jerusalem Post this week. DAVID KRIVINE reports.

THE END-PURPOSE is a shift of manpower to labour-hungry export industries. "It will not happen as long as the authorities offer alternative job opportunities." They do that because the Government is exposed to tremendous pressure. In Israel's vocal democracy, for the means to finance departmental and municipal activities — and this keeps the services over-expanded at the expense of other branches.

Levinson does not advocate shock treatment. There is too much "shock" as it is. The nation is exposed to a succession of fiscal and other reforms, each of which is good and reasonable. But these never-ending changes create an atmosphere of uncertainty. "People do not know what lies ahead — what new taxes they will have to pay, how the price index will behave, what exchange rate will be in force."

The capital market is still-born, it has not managed to develop. The Government monopolises the borrowing, because it offers linkage to the price-index. No-one can compete with that. "I've known people who went out of business, and bought Government bonds instead," he said.

Manufacturers have no option but to take loans from the Government. "And there are circles who now suggest that these loans should be linked as well — for the sake of symmetry, I suppose. This is the absurd result that we have got to. It is like twisting a man's shape to make him fit a lop-sided chair. The proper way is to mend the chair; in other words, to eliminate excess inflation, which makes the entire economy lop-sided."

The policy of freeing economic

growth, he thinks, stifles investment and other initiatives. The reason for Israel's trade deficit is that the country produces too little. The remedy is not to leash production, it is to produce more.

CONSUMPTION must be reduced as well. But again, in accordance with Levinson's aversion to dramatic gestures, he does not call for any head-on collision over wages and incomes. Private expenditure will shrink of its own accord, if deflationary budgetary policies are pursued.

"We have to keep our eye on the central problem of the economy. That central problem is the shortage of foreign exchange. The nation has been living beyond its means for a long time. But it managed, because there was loan and other capital from abroad to bridge the gap."

Electoral reform, and with it the prospect of a more efficient functioning of both the Knesset and the Government, is in danger, says SRAYA SHAPIRO. Only immediate action on the first reading of the reform bill would save it.

A threat to electoral reform

TIME is running out fast on the bill to reform the country's electoral system.

The champions of electoral reform now want the Knesset to go ahead with the first reading of the bill that would replace the proportional election system we now have by a complex system combining voting in constituencies with party lists. The Knesset decided two years ago in principle that it favoured the change. The required minimal number of 61 Knesset members voted for the new scheme, which had been promised in the last electoral plank of the Labour party, the Liberal factions now combined in La'am. But the Knesset now needs to approve, on the first reading, a bill that would outline the suggested new provisions with greater exactitude.

While it is generally agreed that the Knesset will have no time to complete work on the bill before it is dissolved next year, there is still hope for the measure if the first reading is completed — for then the next Knesset may take it up from there. Otherwise, the bill is dead. It is very unlikely that the backers of electoral change would again be able to muster 61 votes in the next Knesset, which will be elected under the existing system, and might contain even more tiny splinter groups. Small parties generally decline to support moves designed to eliminate small parties.

Election reformers in the Labour

Party, such as Gad Ya'acobi, insist that it is the Liberal party that is blocking passage of the bill now. The Liberals retort that they would like nothing better, but that they first wish to see the bill in its final form. Ya'acobi says that this is impossible, because the detailed arrangements are so complex that no team of experts would be able to draw them up in time. But the Liberals distrust Labour. The final product, they fear, could assure Labour of so big a majority that it would never be dislodged from power. "We cannot allow a minority in the country to get a majority in parliament," is how one Liberal spokesman put it.

THE SYSTEM proposed by the reformers envisages the division of the country into a number of large constituencies (the Liberals suggest 16), each electing a given number of delegates from party lists in proportion to their share of the votes cast in the elections. The overflow votes will be transferred to a national pool, and strengthened the corresponding national lists from which a number of delegates — 40, in the Liberals' plan — will be elected. In the same manner as before. For instance, if 1,000 votes are sufficient to elect a candidate from one district but the party list gets 1,500, the overflow of 500 votes will be transferred to the national pool.

The arrangement is not entirely satisfactory to the strict

"regionalists," but it is considered better than today's pure proportionalism which must inevitably lead to a parliamentary stalemate and the obstruction of authority. As Ferdinand Hermans has pointed out, proportional representation is the ideal breeding ground for totalitarian movements.

When the need for electoral reform was first acknowledged by the Liberals, a decade ago, their leaders conceded that Mapai would gain in the early district-based elections; but, they argued, electoral reform was a matter of great national importance and it gave the non-socialists a reasonable chance of ousting the socialists in due course. Later, however, the Liberals have stopped talking of the national interest.

Labour spokesmen contend that the Liberals are simply afraid of Herut, which led the opposition to reform in the past. The contention that they are intimidating their Liberal partners is heatedly denied by Herut leaders. For one thing, Herut is no longer opposed to electoral reform; its convention last year approved it. What Herut is opposed to is domination by a minority party. In any case, Herut has not yet said its last word in this matter. It may be expected that Menahem Begin, the unopposed chief of Herut, will clarify his stand when the issue is raised again at the forthcoming Labour-Likud meeting.

POSTSCRIPTS



ONE of our readers was on holiday in "one of the smallest and most remote" villages in Germany at the time of the Entebbe rescue.

When news of the successful operation came over the radio, an elderly village woman, a devout Christian and an admirer of Israel, hurried to the local church shown above, and pealed the bells in honour of Israel.

E.B.

A HEBREW UNIVERSITY professor who is not above punning summed up the Entebbe operation very succinctly, we are told.

"What's the sauce for the goose is sauce for Uganda," he said. S.E.

"HOLIDAY ON ICE" winds up its two-month Bicentennial appearance in Israel next Tuesday.

As far as Israelis are concerned, the most interesting fact about this

lavish and exciting ice-show is that it has not been seen in an Arab country since its performance in Kuwait in 1967. Producer Morris Challen, an ardent Zionist, has not given in to the Arab boycott nor succumbed to the temptation of petrodollars. He has consistently refused to eliminate Israel from the show's itinerary.

Even since "Holiday on Ice" first appeared with Norwegian skater Bente Henie as its star, it has specialised in presenting famous skating champions. This year's galaxy includes Viennese Wolfgang Schwartz, the handsome 1968 Olympic gold medalist; America's great black skating star Leslie Robinson, who combines soul-inspired rhythms with a masterful ballet style; and Fraga-born Milena who studied ballet with the Bolshoi in Moscow.

S.K.

TWO CUPS of green tea a day may cut the risk of coronary thrombosis, Indian researchers say.

Our New Delhi correspondent reports that Dr. Sunit Sen, a well-known heart specialist in Calcutta, and Dr. Basudeva Bhattacharjee, a young colleague, have found that green tea lowers the quantity of serum cholesterol in the blood and improves the chances of recovery from coronary attacks.

The two doctors picked 100 patients with increased cholesterol and gave them a cup of green tea at breakfast and again in the evening. Their studies showed a "significant lowering of cholesterol level after some time without any untoward manifestations." They noted that many drugs prescribed to reduce cholesterol were "beyond the reach of the majority." Green tea was a cheap and effective substitute.

T.D.

READERS' LETTERS

ARMS CONTROL IN THE MIDDLE EAST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — By pure coincidence the extremely naive article "Arms control in the Middle East" was practically answered by the headline, "Peres: Arabs out to double might by 1980" in the same issue of the Post (July 18).

Arms control negotiations are notorious for their futility, even when both sides are equally interested in reducing the financial burden of armaments. This basic motive does not even exist for the Arabs, who can easily afford practically any amount of armaments.

Moreover, the very term "Arab states" for a party with whom an arms limitation treaty should be signed implies a consensus between these states, which is too ridiculous a notion to require elaboration. Are Libya and Algeria and Iraq, who also Israel's destruction as their goal, also to be a party to this agreement? Obviously, even if such a fantastic feat as the signing of an agreement with Egypt, Syria and Jordan were achieved, the Russian

THE ROLE OF YESHIVA STUDENTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — It was truly interesting and appropriate that, in his appearance before the committee on higher education of the Jewish Agency Assembly, Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef should present his case for financial aid to yeshivot as institutions of higher education on level equal to that of universities (July 15).

Rabbi Yosef claims that the preparation of yeshiva students within the yeshivot strengthens the spiritual future of our people. It is just this very point which is debatable: a) In a modern, mechanized, technical and scientific society, can a rabbi without a higher secular education be effective? b) Do the yeshiva graduates, in any real proportion, service the religious needs of the population, or are most of them reabsorbed within a yeshiva community and thus only perpetuating this community.

The problem, in the eyes of most Israelis including a large percentage of the nationalistic religious community which I myself identify with, stems from the basic fact that yeshivot have separated themselves from the rest of Israeli society by in-

NO WAR PARTY IN ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — For some time I have been irked by Philip Gillion's snide remarks about those who do not agree with him that the best way to obtain peace with the Arabs is by giving territory to Yasser Arafat and Co. However, on July 9, he reached new heights — or depths — when he wrote about his inclination to join the "war party" as a result of the raid in Uganda.

If by "war party," Mr. Gillion refers to people who oppose another partition of Israel, he is guilty of arrogance and ignorance. There is no "war party" in Israel — there is simply a difference of opinion on how to attain peace. People like myself believe that the Arabs will stop warring against us when they understand that a strong Israel cannot be defeated and that every time they lose a war, they will not be rewarded by the return of territory (which did not belong to them in the first place), but will lose additional territory. Mr. Gillion and those who agree with him are free to believe the contrary — that by appeasing the Arabs, we will get peace with them — Much more to the contrary notwithstanding. However no group in Israel can be called a "war party." We all want peace and shalom is our national greeting.

MENACHEM GOLDENBERG
Beerababa

GOUGH WHITLAM'S VIEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — In his letter "Unfair to Gough Whitlam" (July 14), Ariel Hanaor says he doesn't "wish to go into Mr. Gough Whitlam's political views on the Middle East," but I do. How can a democratic socialist — as Whitlam claims to be — deal on an even-handed basis with Israel, a democratic socialist state, and Iraq, a state that represents all that a democratic socialist state is NOT — no freely elected parliament, no trade unions, no modern independent system of justice, etc.

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